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Fifty killed in mosque massacre

Clinton fights to salvage peace process

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN HEBRON AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton acted urgently to salvage the Middle East peace process yesterday after a fanatical Jewish settler took a machine gun to a sacred mosque and massacred some fifty men and boys as they knelt in prayer at Hebron.

The deadliest incident since Israel captured the West Bank in 1967 unleashed a violent backlash in the occupied territories and threatened to scupper the peace deal agreed by Yitzhak Rabin and Yassir Arafat last year.

Mr Clinton immediately announced that he planned to reconvene the peace talks in Washington, and persuaded the Israeli and PLO leaders to send negotiators as soon as possible with instructions to negotiate non-stop until they agreed arrangements for Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho.

Mr Rabin had earlier telephoned Mr Arafat to express regret for the dawn murders, which he described as the crazed action of a disturbed individual. But Mr Arafat, whose credibility with Arabs in the occupied territories is at an all-time low, simply responded by calling for all Jewish settlers to be unarmed and for UN protection for his people. He also warned that the killings could jeopardise the chances of peace, which could not be guaranteed in the shadow of "armed settlers' bands", as he called an emergency meeting of PLO leaders in Tunis, at least one of whom wants the talks abandoned. Yassir Abed-Rabbo, a fellow PLO executive member, said that Israeli regrets were not enough. "The Israeli government and army bear the full responsibility of this crime, which is an implementation of Israeli government policy which armed settlers and gave them the right to fire on Palestinians."

The flurry of desperate diplomatic activity came after Baruch Goldstein, dressed in military uniform, burst into the Ibrahim mosque and opened fire with a Galil assault rifle as hundreds of Muslims gathered for prayer at dawn. He continued firing for several minutes, apparently unhindered by soldiers who guard the mosque — set in a shrine holy to Christians, Jews and Muslims — until he was beaten to death by enraged worshippers. One Muslim said: "They sprayed him with a cloud of gas from the fire extinguisher. Then they hit him with it and killed him."

"Our backs were turned so we did not know what happening until people started falling," said Abu Sneineh, a survivor whose hands were caked with the blood of a 12-year-old boy who died as he was carried out of the building. "The man kept reloading and firing at us. It went on for five minutes. The soldiers did nothing to stop him."

Another survivor said: "He was trying to kill as many as possible. The floor of the mosque was full of bodies and blood. Worshippers who were kneeling down at the time tried to run away in fright and some hit the ground. I shouted to the army to come and stop him. But they ran away. He changed his magazine at least once."

Goldstein, 38, an American immigrant who worked as a doctor in a Jewish settlement near by, was a member of the racist Kach movement and he had reportedly told friends that he wanted to avenge the murder of its leader in 1990. He left a suicide note before leaving for the mosque, which is in the Tombs of the Patriarchs, a massive stone structure built 2,000 years ago by Herod the Great over the burial site of six Old Testament patriarchs, including Abraham.

The massacre provoked a surge of anger and violence throughout the occupied territories, and eight more Palestinians were killed in clashes with security forces. Two were shot dead and several others injured outside Hebron's main hospital, while widespread rioting broke out in Arab east Jerusalem. Palestinian demonstrators were shot and wounded in both Gaza and Jericho, and troops used teargas, rubber bullets and smoke grenades to disperse a crowd of thousands from the Temple Mount as Palestinians hurled rocks over the Wailing Wall.

Mr Rabin appealed for Arabs and Jews alike to act with restraint, but there were growing fears yesterday that a cycle of tit-for-tat actions was now inevitable. Militant Palestinians will almost certainly launch retaliatory acts and the Kach movement indicated that further Jewish vigilante action could be expected. The splinter group "Kahane Hai" compared Goldstein to Samson and said he had sanctified the name of God in Hebron.

Radical Palestinians immediately called for an end to the peace process and there were even calls for Mr Arafat's death. Abu Ali Mustafa, deputy leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said: "The massacre is one of the fruits of Arafat's false peace."

Anxious to prevent such extremists wrecking the Middle East talks, President Clinton announced that he was redoubling efforts to conclude the deal on Palestinian self-rule. "Extremists on both sides are determined to drag Arabs and Israelis back into the darkness of unending conflict," he said.

The President said he was seeking not only to avert a new spiral of killings and counter-attacks, but to thwart a killer bent on ruining the historic Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation by making his "gross act of murder" a new catalyst for peace. He had therefore asked Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, to contact Mr Rabin and Mr Arafat to send all their negotiators to Washington as soon as possible "and to stay here in continuous session until their work is completed. They have both agreed to do that."

In common with other world leaders, Mr Clinton expressed outrage at "such a gross act of murder". The UN Secretary-General called the killings a "despicable act of violence" and in London, the Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks described the massacre as an obscenity and a travesty of Jewish values. "Violence is evil. Violence committed in the name of God is doubly evil. Violence against those engaged in worshipping God is unspeakably evil," he said.

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Victim of a Jewish fanatic: a Palestinian carries his son who was among the scores injured in the mosque into a hospital emergency ward in Jerusalem



Barukh Goldstein: he left suicide note

Intruder breaks into Prince's apartment

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A THIEF broke into the Prince of Wales's private apartments at St James's Palace and stole tiepins, cuff links and other small personal items.

Buckingham Palace last night declined to put a value on the items, but indicated that they were mainly of great sentimental value. The burglary was discovered yesterday morning by a member of staff. The Prince was informed of the incident at Klosters, where he is continuing his Swiss skiing holiday.

Scotland Yard immediately ordered an investigation into the incident. Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, will submit a report on the burglary to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

Last night the Yard refused to discuss the security implications of the break-in or to divulge the precise time that it occurred. However, it said that the intruder may have been assisted by scaffolding covering the palace while exterior repairs are under way.

The Prince took over a first-floor suite at the palace as his London living quarters a year ago, after his formal separation from the Princess of Wales and his move out of their marital London home at Kensington Palace.

During the day St James's Palace is ceremonially guarded, like Buckingham Palace, by soldiers of the Queen's Guard. It is supposedly subject to the close scrutiny applied to all royal residences, but that security is regularly breached, although intruders at St James's are rare.

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LWT falls to Granada

BY JON ASHWORTH AND MARTIN WALLER

LONDON Weekend Television lost its battle for independence yesterday, the victim of a hostile £771 million takeover bid by Granada.

The outcome is a bittersweet one for 40 LWT managers and directors, who stand to pocket £75 million between them under a share option scheme set up in 1989 to persuade them to stay while television franchises went out for tender.

Sir Christopher Bland, the chairman, holds shares worth more than £14 million. Greg Dyke, chief executive, could make £9.2 million. Melvyn Bragg, who presents *The South Bank Show*, is expected to net nearly £3 million. Mr Dyke has said he would leave if Granada won.

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Winning *Times* team

Times writers won major awards at the Oscars of British journalism yesterday, crowning six months of unprecedented success for the newspaper.

●**Matthew Parris** (above left) was named Columnist of the Year for his "sharp observation and wit". Read him today on page 16

●**Anthony Loyd** (above right) was named Foreign Stringer of the Year for his evocative writing from Bosnia. He writes on page 11.

Richard Morrison, arts editor, was highly commended.

Sales of *The Times* have risen by more than 100,000 since the weekday price was reduced to 30p last September. Today the Saturday price of *The Daily Telegraph* goes up to 70p.

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Malaysia rebuffs UK peace moves

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

HOPES of an early diplomatic breakthrough to halt a damaging trade boycott by Malaysia and to prevent a crisis developing in relations with Britain were fading last night.

Plans to send a high-powered emissary to Kuala Lumpur to try to talk round Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minister, were put on hold after it appeared unlikely that he would get a meeting with Dr Mahathir or that there was much chance of success.

Throughout the day British ministers led by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, tried to calm the dispute that provoked the Malaysian government into slapping a ban on contracts with British companies.

There was a political clash, with Labour blaming the Government's handling of the affair for Malaysia's action, and the Tories counter-charging that Labour was not worried about the job losses involved.

The ban, confirmed by Anwar Ibrahim, the Deputy Prime Minister, sprang from Malaysia's anger over British newspaper reports alleging corruption in the Pergau dam arms-for-aid controversy and has threatened deals worth many millions for British companies. Last night Dr Mahathir launched an outspoken attack on the press and made plain there was no intention of reviewing the decision. He said: "Some in the British media have colonial brains. People who are not like them are [considered] all corrupt or can be corrupted. If they keep on writing like this, they [Britain] will not get any more of our contracts."

One contract became an immediate casualty yesterday when the Deputy Prime Minister disclosed that the British interest in a deal with Japan for a £2.3 billion international airport for Kuala Lumpur had been ended.

A visit to the Malaysian capital by Sir David Gillmore, head of the diplomatic service and a former High Commissioner to Malaysia, remains an option, although not an imminent one. Soundings in Kuala Lumpur by British diplomats yesterday suggested he would be unlikely to make progress.

In a fresh twist Mr Hurd, five days before his appearance at the new parliamentary enquiry into the Pergau dam affair, said for the first

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Malaysian trade war

Share prices fall as British firms fear loss of 25,000 jobs

By Colin Narborough
World Trade Correspondent

REACTION



Sir Tim Bell, above, the advertising executive turned public relations supremo, is an important figure linking many of the parties involved in the Pergau dam affair.

Sir Tim, 52, has been involved in Anglo-Malaysian relations since the middle of the 1980s, when he and Sir Charles Powell were credited by the Malaysian Prime Minister with helping to heal the first major rift in bilateral trade relations.

Like many British businesses, Sir Tim's company, Lowe Bell, has been affected by the renewal of a "Buy British Last" policy by Malaysia. He has been given three months' notice on a contract with the Malaysian High Commission in London. However, his two other main government contracts — one with the Malaysian Tourist Commission — remain unaffected.

He also advises the Malaysian government and Baroness Thatcher, who signed the memorandum of understanding which opened the way for British defence contracts.

SHARES in companies heavily engaged in Malaysia, such as the engineering group GEC and the construction company BICC, were marked down on the London Stock Exchange yesterday in reaction to the Malaysian government's decision to deny further public contracts to British businesses. City economists put the potential overall loss to British companies at more than £10 billion.

The Confederation of British Industry said the development was highly regrettable, although it understood that existing contracts would be honoured and that company-to-company business would not be affected. "We hope that political relations can soon be returned to normal."

Banning British companies from large public-sector projects is not expected to have any immediate impact on private-sector business, but trade officials believe that the Malaysian government's anger will inevitably inhibit commercial deals too.

Companies were loath to spell out the impact on British jobs of a prolonged ban, although Richard Grant, head of the Asia programme at the Royal Institute for International Relations, forecast the loss of "at least 25,000 jobs".

Among the first victims are GEC and the construction company Balfour Beatty, which have been removed from the Anglo-Japanese consortium building a £2.4 billion international airport south of Kuala Lumpur. The two companies stood to reap the bulk of about £450 million worth of orders.

Rolls-Royce is heavily involved in power projects, besides hoping to sell its Trent aero-engines to Malaysian Airlines. Last week, British Aerospace delivered the first in a £400 million order for 28 Hawk aircraft and has a contract to deliver Sea Wolf missiles worth about £130 million.

John Brown (Malaysia), a subsidiary of Trafalgar House, has won a £120 million contract to build and equip a gas-fired power station for Malaysia's state-owned power company. Trafalgar House also has an agreement with the state-owned car manufacturer to invest £15 million in a steel plant. Trafalgar House said that its main concern was the loss of future business, including work on the new airport.

Other companies that will be hit include PowerGen and National Grid and the construction groups John Laing and Bovis, which were all expecting government orders. Taylor Woodrow, another construction company, has several private-sector projects, including a £225 million contract to build a light transit railway with AEG of Germany.

North West Water said that a boycott should not affect its agreement for privatising Malaysia's waste-water system. ICI and BP do not expect their joint ventures to suffer.

Peter Godwin, chairman of the Asia-Pacific Advisory Group, run by the Department of Trade and Industry, said that, although the boycott was "bad news", bilateral trade was clearly in Malaysia's favour. The share of exports based on Malaysian government contracts was probably less than a third of the total.

Official trade figures showed that British exports to Malaysia totalled £964.9 million last year, an increase of nearly 52 per cent from 1992. Imports from Malaysia rose 26.5 per cent to £1.4 billion.

☐ Britain is likely to reject the expansionist plans of Malaysia Airlines as one response to the trade war (Tony Dawe writes). Malaysia wants to operate more services between the two countries and to use Britain as a stopping point en route to the United States. Airline sources indicated yesterday that plans for further talks between the two governments had been abandoned.

Senior trade officials have described air services as one of the more contentious issues between the two countries. "Malaysia wants more services to and beyond Britain but has nothing additional to offer," one said.

Malaysia Airlines secured a daily service between London and Kuala Lumpur as part of the Pergau dam package. It is now seeking direct flights to Manchester and "fifth freedom rights" to carry British passengers to US destinations.

British Airways, which was reputedly paid £2 million out of public funds in compensation for Malaysia's extra services, does not require further flights. It runs three services a week from London to Kuala Lumpur.



Dr Mahathir Mohamed: "Some in the British media have colonial brains"

Golden goose may be lost

By Tony Dawe

CONTRACTS

"THERE is much good will towards the United Kingdom in Malaysia," concludes the latest guide for businessmen drawn up by the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur. Published only two months ago, the guide seems hopelessly out of date in the current trade crisis, yet it reflected accurately the opportunities which did — and may still — exist for British companies.

British Aerospace and those involved in the £2.3 billion Sepang international airport project have the most to lose, but a host of other firms are involved in multi-million-pound deals in Malaysia.

They include British Gas, BP, John Brown, John Laing Construction and Rolls-Royce. More than 220 British companies took part in Government-sponsored trade missions to Malaysia last year, compared with 80 in 1991.

"There is a huge range of opportunities for British business," Bruce Cleghorn, Britain's deputy High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur, told me before the crisis blew up.

"Malaysia matters to the UK. It is a big market which is becoming more important."

Even last year's record exports of £965 million, four times the figure of the mid-1980s, are thought to be an underestimate as another £200 million of British exports were shipped into Malaysia through Singapore.

British Aerospace's deals to sell Hawk aircraft and Sea Wolf missiles are the biggest earners for Britain and the airport project involving Balfour Beatty, BAA, GEC and Trafalgar House the next most valuable. But BP, Esso and Shell are also involved in big expansion programmes in the Malaysian petrochemicals industry.

Hunslett, in conjunction with Ganz of Hungary, has won a contract for 18 electric multiple units for a new railway, a consortium including Taylor Woodrow and AEG has started work on the Kuala Lumpur light rail transit system and Sir William Halcrow and Partners has advised on road projects.

John Laing is building 12 hospitals, and a new airport in Sarawak. Biwater and North West Water are involved in developing water and sewage systems.

British Gas, John Brown and the Rolls-Royce group are all involved in power generation projects, although some are private and should not be at risk from the Malaysian government's new policy.

Aid 'link' to arms

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time that arms sales to Malaysia and the aid programme became "entangled" for a few months in 1988.

The Government has maintained that there was no direct link. But in a BBC radio interview Mr Hurd said: "The two policies of selling defence equipment, within the published rules, to Malaysia, and of using part of the aid programme, within the published rules, to help British exports, are entirely right.

"The two things became entangled for a few months during 1988. That's what the foreign affairs committee may want to look at. They were then pursued separately after that. They are both defensible policies. What is not defensible is to criticise the British Government for giving effective help to British industry."

Mr Hurd was understood to be referring to a protocol signed by George Younger, then Defence Secretary, early in 1988 which MPs close to the enquiry believe contained a link between arms and aid. When it was realised that it was outside the rules it was changed. Ministers and officials went out of their way to voice understanding for Malaysia's position, but emphasised in diplomatic exchanges and public comments that the British Government could not dictate to a free press.



Anwar Ibrahim: halted British trade contracts

Officials said there would be no retaliation nor reprisals. In a Commons statement Alastair Goodlad, the Foreign Office Minister, regretted the decision but said the Government was in touch with the Malaysian authorities and hoped to restore relations "to a flourishing footing as soon as possible".

John Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, said British jobs were now at risk as a direct result of the Government's handling of the "squalid business" surrounding the Pergau project. "Isn't it clear that it is because of this conduct by the Government that we now face these very serious circumstances?" He told the Government: "If councillors were behaving in this cavalier fashion, you would be the first ones to call for them to be disqualified from office and personally surcharged.

"It is exactly because this whole squalid business was starting to unravel, following legitimate investigations that British trade and British jobs are now at risk and the responsibility lies on the Government front bench!"

Mr Goodland retorted: "It is the Government's task to promote the national interest, including exports and jobs. I recognise that it is not your job as you see it."

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Margaret Thatcher with Dr Mahathir, the Malaysian Prime Minister, for the signing of a 1988 arms deal

TREVOR HUMPHRIES

Press has reflected watchdogs' concern

By Christopher Elliott

CRITICS

MEDIA scrutiny of the Pergau dam project followed official concern voiced by a number of government watchdogs.

The three main areas of concern are:

☐ Why did the Government go ahead with a scheme its own officials said was too expensive and inefficient?

☐ Did the Government bend its rules to offer a "sweetener" in the form of a record aid package of £234 million to win defence contracts worth more than £1 billion?

☐ Have British companies been involved in paying commission or kickbacks to Malaysian officials in order to win contracts?

The official cries of alarm have been well documented. Last year the National Audit Office reported that not only was the project a bad buy for the Malaysian taxpayer, but also the British taxpayer would have to pay £56 million more than necessary because of the way the aid package had been structured.

MPs on both sides of the Commons were disturbed in January to hear Sir Tim Lankester, who was permanent secretary at the Overseas Development Administration, tell the Public Accounts Committee that the Malaysian package was an "abuse of the aid system".

It was one of the frankest public statements made by a serving civil servant and echoed the depth of concern felt by all those at the ODA. It also disclosed the pressure placed on the ODA by the Department of Trade and Industry over the allocation of resources.

In spite of the Government's repeated denial that aid was linked to the defence deal, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, was finally forced to admit three weeks ago in a written answer that there had been a mathematical formula linking the two in a protocol signed in March 1988.

This was rescinded three months later but arrangements for the aid package and the sale of defence equipment proceeded side by side in a manner that convinced members of the Cabinet that there was a "verbal understanding" between the two governments.

The last and most damaging area covers the allegations of corruption that have infuriated the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamed.

Brian Sedgemore, a Labour MP, used parliamentary privilege to accuse UK companies of paying £35 million in "bribes and backhanders" to middlemen and members of the Malaysian royal family. He named three companies that are involved in building the dam or supplying equipment.

He was particularly incensed by a story in *The Sunday Times* last weekend that claimed a middleman acting for Wimpey Construction Group, which was seeking to win a contract, had approached him.

The criticism has infuriated Dr Mahathir, who is used to a far more quiescent press at home. But his move to impose trade sanctions is unlikely to stop the questions.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hepatitis fear sparks blood product recall

A blood product used to treat immune disorders is being recalled worldwide by the manufacturers, Baxter Healthcare, because it may have infected some patients with hepatitis C. The product, immune globulin intravenous, or IGIV, is sold under the name Gammagard. The American Red Cross also distributes IGIV called Polygam that is made by the same company and is also being recalled.

Three patients in Spain and two in Sweden have been diagnosed with the hepatitis C virus after using Gammagard, and others are being examined. Scientists have not proved the product infected patients. Immune globulin is a concentrate of proteins made from donated blood plasma. It is a different product than intramuscular immune globulin, which is typically used by travellers to prevent hepatitis A.

Trust removes marquess

The National Trust has served a legal notice on the trustees of the Marquess of Bristol to end the lease on the part of Ickworth House, the family's stately home, occupied by him. It will mean that the marquess, 39, serving a 10-month prison sentence for possession of drugs, will have to leave the 18th-century mansion in Suffolk which is owned by the trust. The action is being taken because he had "persistently" breached the terms of the lease. Lord Chorley, chairman of the National Trust, said its statutory duty to safeguard the property and visitors was paramount.

Men seize baby boy

Police issued a national alert last night for a baby snatched from his mother's arms. David Kelly, aged 17 months, was taken at 3am by two men believed to be his father and grandfather. Police fear they may be planning to take the boy to Spain, where the grandfather has property. David was taken from his mother Yvonne, 31, during a struggle at her home in Preston, Lancashire. Mrs Kelly received a cut lip, then suffered an asthma attack. She was recovering last night in Royal Preston Hospital. She said: "What happened was like something out of a nightmare."

Serial arsonist feared

Three children who died in a house fire at Peterlee, Co Durham, could have been victims of a serial arsonist. Detectives investigating the triple murder are looking closely at a series of six arson attacks in the town over the previous five months. Det Chief Insp John Graham said there was as yet no direct link between those fires and this week's blaze, in which Charlotte, 4, Amy, 3, and Dean Alexander, 1, died. An appeal to help with the cost of the children's funerals, which has so far raised £260, suffered a setback when a collection box was stolen from a restaurant.

£33,000 for quango chief

The head of an education quango is to earn more than £33,000 a year for working two days a week, it was disclosed yesterday. Sir Christopher Benson, who earns £160,000 as chairman of Boots, is to head the new Funding Agency for Schools, set up to finance grant-maintained schools from April 1. Robin Squire, junior education minister, disclosed in a parliamentary answer that Sir Christopher would get an annual fee of £33,430. Other members of the agency would receive £155 plus reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses for each day spent on agency business.

'No MI5 link to murder'

Police have ruled out any security service involvement in the murder of Hilda Murrell, 78, an anti-nuclear campaigner. Her body was found in March 1984 near her home in Shrewsbury. She had been stabbed. Her death has repeatedly been linked to both her anti-nuclear stance and her nephew's connection with the sinking of the *Belgrano* in the Falklands conflict. David Thursfield, assistant chief constable of West Mercia police, said after an eight-month investigation that he remained convinced Miss Murrell was killed after disturbing a burglar at her home.

PR expert joins Prince

A Welsh-speaking public relations expert has been appointed assistant private secretary to the Prince of Wales. Dr Manon Williams, 28, who has a doctorate in medieval Welsh literature, will succeed Belinda Harley in June, St James's Palace said. Dr Williams, currently on maternity leave from the television station S4C where she is head of press and public relations, will advise the Prince on health, heritage and the arts. At SC4, Dr Williams promoted the film of the Prince's book *The Legend of Lochnagar*.

Medals win jail reprieve

A man escaped jail for hitting his girl friend with a frying pan after the judge at Liverpool Crown Court was told he had medals for bravery in the Navy. Joseph Brennan, 68, of Aigburth, Merseyside, admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm on Claudette Jones, 52. Judge Denis Clark gave Brennan two years' probation because of his good service record.

Curb sought on herbalist

The South Glamorgan coroner, Dr Lawrence Addicott, called for action to be taken against a Chinese herbalist in Cardiff, Dr Pak Hong Lam, to prevent another death similar to that of Vinda Gibbons. Mrs Gibbons, 36, of Barry, died after stopping her heart drugs and being prescribed carrot juice and ginseng tea by Dr Lam. Verdict: natural causes.

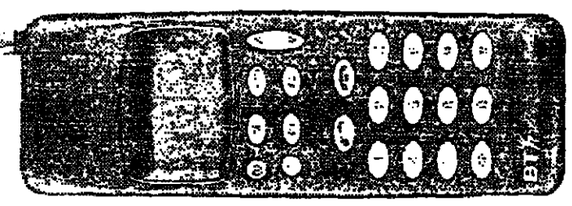
Student stabbed to death

A student was stabbed to death in a near-riot outside a discothèque in Leicester city centre early yesterday. Julian Leong, 24, bumped into another youth as they queued for their coats and the incident flared into 40 minutes of fighting, during which Mr Leong was stabbed repeatedly. Police said the violence was fuelled by drink.

Anniversary £2 coins

Two commemorative £2 coins are to be issued next year, marking the 50th anniversaries of the end of the Second World War and the establishment of the United Nations. They will be available at face value from banks and post offices but are not intended for general circulation. Collector versions will be produced in base and precious metal.

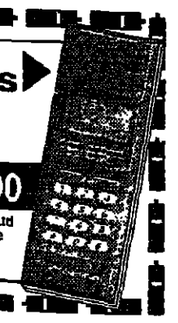
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Americans pour scorn on transatlantic attempt to trace the Pittsburgh connection

Major: hunt goes on for the missing link

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS John Major prepares to fly to America tomorrow, the question is not whether the Prime Minister has a future but whether he has a past.

On Monday, he and President Clinton will visit Pittsburgh, chosen because Mr Major once mentioned to Mr Clinton that his grandfather and father had lived there. Unfortunately, bevies of researchers have failed to discover any record of the family's existence in the Pennsylvania city, let alone a suitable familial site for the men to inspect.

The White House has pressed the British embassy for more information, and the embassy has pressed Downing Street, but it seems Mr Major knows nothing more than the extremely sketchy details he and his brother were told on their elderly father's knee.

"Why Is This Man Coming Here?", was Thursday's headline in the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette*. "No one on either side of the Atlantic seems able to establish where in Pittsburgh Major's ancestors resided or even to prove conclusively that they resided in Pittsburgh at all," Dennis Roddy, the journalist who wrote the article, said.

The Western Pennsylvania Historical Society has scoured every available Pittsburgh directory, census and church record and drawn a blank. "It's embarrassing," Carolyn Schumacher, the society's director of libraries and archives, said.

Certainly Mr Major's grandfather, Abraham Ball, sailed to America in the 1870s to build blast furnaces for Andrew Carnegie's Pennsylvania steel mills, but USX, which owns Pittsburgh's few remaining mills, destroyed all records more than 50 years old. There is circumstantial evidence linking Abraham Ball to a mill in Braddock, a town east of Pittsburgh, but it is too far for the two leaders to visit.

Abraham Ball's wife returned to England to give birth to Mr Major's father, Tom Ball, in Walsall in 1879. Terry Major-Ball, the Prime Minister's brother, has recalled his father telling him that they came back to America in 1880 and lived in "the foothills of the Alleghenyp mountains" where he could "reach out of his bedroom window to pick a peach".

That hardly squares with Anthony Trollope's description of contemporary Pittsburgh as "the Merthyr Tydfil of Pennsylvania — or perhaps I should better describe it as an amalgamation of Swansea, Merthyr Tydfil and South Shields and it is, without exception, the blackest place which I ever saw."

In 1984, President Reagan visited Ballyporeen, the Irish village of his ancestors, but the idea of a British Prime Minister coming to Pittsburgh to find his roots has inevitably caused some amusement in the city, which is named after Mr Major's Tory predecessor William Pitt. The two leaders are to spend five hours there.

President Clinton is arriving from Chicago, Mr Major from Washington, and they will meet at an airport rally. They will have dinner in a Pittsburgh restaurant, probably on the top of Mount Washington, which overlooks the city.

Still unknown is what they do between the airport and the restaurant. They may tour an old smokestack industry converted to modern use, or the Pittsburgh children's hospital where Laura Davies, the five-year-old British girl, last year received a multiple transplant but died two months later. They will doubtless avoid the administrative headquarters of USAir, whose proposed takeover by British Airways is the source of considerable transatlantic friction. The Prime Minister has the surname Major, not Ball, because when his father left Pennsylvania in his late teens and joined a circus he starred in an act with Kitty Drum. He took the name Major so they could call themselves Drum and Major.



Tom and Kitty on a music hall bill



Tom and Kitty Major, the Prime Minister's parents, appearing in "After the Overture"

Police hold parents in search for daughter

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE parents of a girl who vanished seven years ago were under arrest last night as police dug up their back garden in the search for her body. But the missing girl's brother said the police action was ridiculous and the family were outraged.

Police learnt only recently of Heather West's disappearance while investigating another case. A team of 20 officers began their search at her parents' home in Gloucester on Thursday.

Frederick West, 52, and his wife Rosemary, 45, were arrested by officers yesterday lunchtime. As the couple, who have five other children, left their house, Mr West shouted: "I didn't kill her."

Stephen West said the events had come as a terrible shock to his parents. "It's ridiculous, it's unreal. Heather just left home when she was 16, as any 16-year-old can. We haven't seen her since. But that doesn't mean the police should dig up the back garden," he said.

Det Chief Insp Terry Moore, who is heading the investigation, said: "At this stage, this is a missing person enquiry. But should our enquiries reveal something untoward has occurred to her we shall treat it more seriously.

"We are anxious to hear from anyone who knows of her movements. If she is alive and well, we would like her to come forward immediately."

Hit-and-run victim dies after 36 years in coma

BY BILL FROST

A MOTHER was in mourning last night for her daughter who died nearly 36 years after going into a coma from which she never fully emerged.

Sylvia Cornish was 17 when she was struck by a van as she walked home along a country lane after attending a carnival with her boy friend in September 1958. The driver of the vehicle, who failed to stop, was fined £50.

Miss Cornish was in a deep coma for a year. Her parents, landlords of a pub in Frome, Somerset, never gave up hope that she would recover. Phyllis Cornish, 82, visited her daughter every day and sat at her bedside. She fed and talked to her daughter, convinced that she could understand everything going on around her. Her husband, Frank, made the daily trip until he died.

When Miss Cornish eventually opened her eyes, hopes that she would recover were dashed. She had lost the power of speech and was paralysed. Doctors doubted she recognised her parents.

Last night Mrs Cornish was being treated at the Victoria hospital in Frome, where her daughter died. She praised hospital staff who cared for her daughter over the years. "Sylvia has been on my mind constantly," she said.

Wendy Cornish, her daughter-in-law, said Mrs Cornish was suffering from exhaustion. "Over the years she never gave up hope," she said. "She visited every day believing that Sylvia would recognise her and say something. We never gave up. There was never any question of us asking the nurses to stop feeding her. While there's life there's hope. We are all so upset at her death.

"I first met Sylvia six weeks after the accident so I never knew her as she was before. But Phyllis has never stopped going to the hospital, even when she was told to have a rest. We just couldn't keep her away. She spent nearly all her time feeding and caring for Sylvia. She never took a holiday for herself after the accident. It is so very sad."


Sylvia Cornish: loved Tommy Steele's music

Miss Cornish's brother, Ivan, told of the bright and happy teenager he had known before the accident. "She was so full of life. But after the accident she never moved or talked again. I think she knew what you said to her but she couldn't answer back. But my mother never once gave up hope that one day she would be able to speak."

Miss Cornish had been a rock and roll fan before the accident. She loved the music of Tommy Steele and cut out photographs of her favourite performers. Friends who knew her before the accident spoke of a popular, attractive girl who loved life and was always laughing.

Wendy Cornish said: "I remember they played her some Tommy Steele tapes — her favourite — to try to bring her round. Phyllis was up at the hospital by 2pm every day and she stayed there until about 4.30. She read letters and cards to her, combed her hair and brought her new clothes. Sylvia was her reason to live."

☐ A teenager who was hit by a stolen car four months ago while she was out celebrating her nineteenth birthday has died. Caroline Kemp, of Formby, Merseyside, was thrown 120ft by the vehicle. The driver has not been traced.

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Who earns what in the TV stakes — Style & Travel, The Sunday Times tomorrow

Rapist 'told not to worry about crime'

A MAN of 60 turned himself in to police for raping his teenaged stepdaughter, but was initially told not to worry as the crime had been committed more than 20 years ago, an Old Bailey judge heard yesterday.

The court was told a civilian working on the desk at Wimbledon police station, south London, informed the man, who had become overwhelmed with remorse, that his confession was "not important".

Peter Lewis, for the defence, said: "This could have been a very tempting time for him to leave the station. But he insisted on seeing a professional policeman. This led to his arrest."

Judge Richardson QC, jailing the man for five years, said: "I have little doubt this girl suffered very serious psychological trauma as a result of what you did. The one redeeming feature is your frankness, which has been complete and devastating."

The court was told that the man, from Mitcham, Surrey, raped his 13-year-old stepdaughter at knife point.

Joanna Glynn, for the prosecution, said the defendant was left alone with the girl every night between 5pm and 10pm while his wife was at work. This left him free to continue the sex attacks for 18 months, until the girl left home.

Puffin isle stubs out smokers

BY ALAN HAMILTON

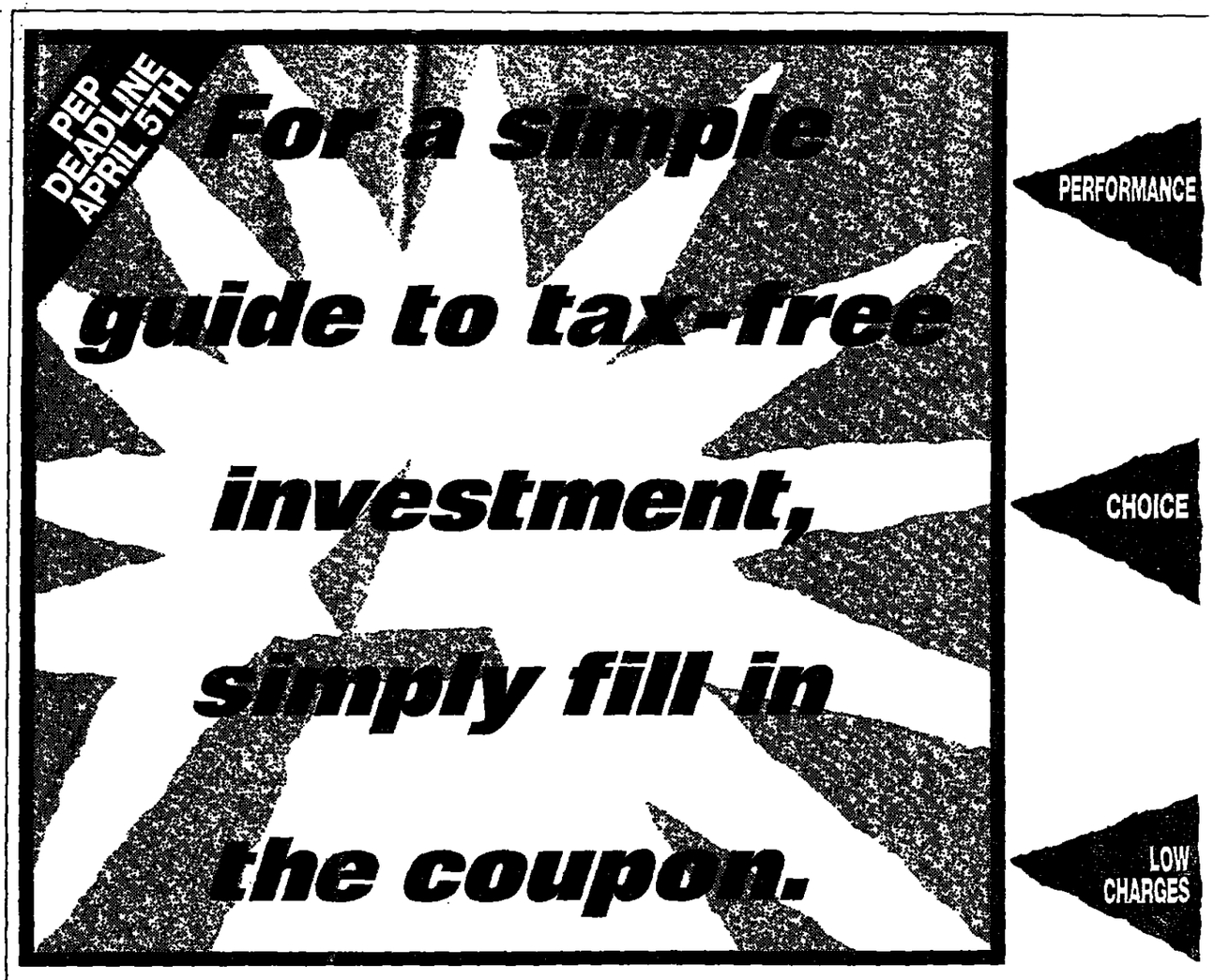
THE island of Lundy in the Bristol Channel, best known for its puffins, will today become a refuge from puffing.

Thirty smokers plan to set sail this morning for the addict's equivalent of a trip to Devil's Island. They will spend ten nail-biting days on the island, separated from the nearest tobacconist's shop by 12 miles of water.

The volunteers will be searched for cigarettes, cigars and pipes before they board the ferry, and during their stay the island will be patrolled by Dr Edward Channing, a general practitioner carrying a carbon monoxide breath tester, which can detect cigarettes smoked within the previous 24 hours.

Lundy's only pub, the Marisco Tavern, will clear all tobacco products from its shelves, as will the island's one shop. Anyone caught smoking will be sent home in disgrace on the first ferry.

The "smokestop" holidays are being promoted by a company selling nicotine patches, the latest way to give up smoking. To ease the addicts' cravings, patches will be available, as will a professional counsellor and a relaxation therapist.



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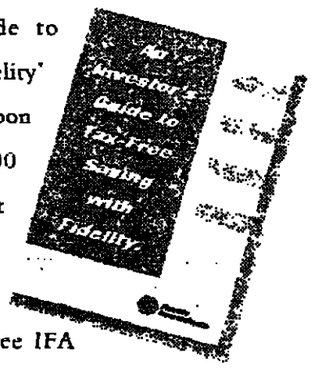
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Dublin court frees man wanted for murdering soldier

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TERRORIST suspect wanted for questioning over the murder of a British Army sergeant was freed by the High Court in Dublin yesterday after appealing successfully against an extradition order.

Joseph Magee, 27, from Co Armagh, was released after Mr Justice Flood ruled that his alleged offence of killing the soldier in Derby two years ago was a political one for which he could not be extradited.

The judge also said that Mr Magee could not receive a fair trial in Britain because of media coverage of his case, and that the procedure followed when his extradition was ordered by an Irish District Court had been unfair. After the ruling, Mr Magee said: "I think the judgment was a fair decision. I would never have got a fair trial in England."

Britain had wanted to extradite Mr Magee in connection with the murder in April 1992 of Sgt Michael Newman, 34, outside an army recruiting office. The Irish National Liberation Army admitted the murder. Mr Magee was arrested in Limerick in January 1993.

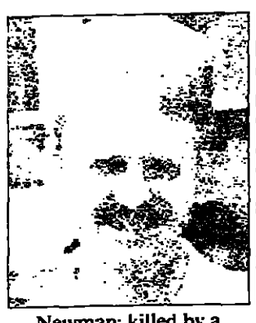
Andrew Hunter, chairman of the Tory backbench Northern Ireland committee, told BBC Radio 4 yesterday: "I don't think there was any valid reason for this decision and I deeply regret it. Where is the clampdown on terrorism that [Albert] Reynolds promised? It is totally out of keeping with the spirit of the joint declaration."

Michael Mates, a former Northern Ireland minister, said: "It is another example of what we have been complaining about to the Irish for a long time. Their extradition laws are flawed. They have acknowledged they are flawed."

He said that Charles Haughey, the former Irish Prime Minister, had promised that he would change the laws if they proved to be flawed. "They haven't done it and now another person wanted for a very serious offence has escaped because the offence comes in the so-called political category. It is scandalous," he told Independent Radio News.

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, said: "Those who carry out the most dastardly offences in the United Kingdom are treated as if they have not committed evil acts of terrorism when they come before the courts in the Irish Republic."

Mr Magee was one of three men wanted for the murder of Sgt Newman, who was wearing civilian clothes when he was shot once in the head at close range as he crossed a city centre car park.



Newman: killed by a single shot to the head



Magee: "I would never have got a fair trial"

Fiancée angered by release

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE fiancée of Sgt Michael Newman was said by relatives last night to be devastated by the decision to free Joseph Magee. A friend said that Elizabeth Broadhurst, 30, was annoyed that media coverage of the murder had allowed him to escape extradition.

Kate McHara, a close friend, said: "All this is too much for Elizabeth. She is trying hard to come to terms with Michael's death almost two years on and now the man she believed was responsible has walked free.

"Elizabeth is devastated by this and she feels she needs some time to sort things out in her own mind. She is very annoyed with the newspapers and the way they covered the story and she blames them for letting Magee off the hook."

Miss Broadhurst's mother Peggy said that her daughter was still deeply affected by the murder. She said: "Liz just can't seem to put Michael's murder behind her. She has tried but it is still a struggle."

Miss Broadhurst, 30, who has two children, continues to live in the house she shared with Sgt Newman in Derby, and works at the hospital where he died.

Mr Magee's sister Kate, who lives in Derby, said yesterday that she believed her brother was innocent and condemned the murder of Sgt Newman. Miss Magee, 32, said: "I feel for his fiancée. It was a dirty deed to shoot the soldier down in broad daylight. He was a man who was just doing his job and trying to bring home a wage to look after his family. He did not deserve to die."

A police officer who worked on the case said yesterday: "After being frustrated for so long we finally get the man we want only to see him walk free on a technicality. Everyone is stunned, but I suppose we should have expected it."

Thieves trick driver delivering £30,000 clothes



DENZIL McNEELANCE

A swirling Edina Ronay dress being modelled at the show yesterday

Stolen fashion collection might end up on market stall

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND IAIN R WEBB

A DESIGNER whose clients include the Irish president Mary Robinson has had her £30,000 winter and autumn collection stolen during London Fashion Week.

Thieves intercepted Louise Kennedy's 110-piece collection as it was being delivered to her Bond Street studio in central London on Wednesday. The theft has wrecked her hopes of breaking into the British and American market. West End stores had expressed an interest in the collection, which was due to be modelled during London Fashion Week.

Ms Kennedy, 33, who is based in Dublin, said: "I have been working on the collection for three months. The clothes are one-offs and made of silk, cashmere, suede and other very expensive fabrics. It has been showing in Birmingham for a few days and might well have been seen by the thieves."

The collection was being taken to London by van from the Birmingham exhibition. The driver was looking for the drop-off point in Bond Street when he was approached by a man who asked him if he had the Louise Kennedy collection.

The Metropolitan police said: "The driver was then directed by the man into a delivery bay in nearby Bruton Street. The man was joined by another who helped unload the six boxes of clothes, using a large barrow. The van driver then left, believing he had delivered the collection safely."

The theft was not noticed until the next day when Ms Kennedy went to her office. Fashion observers say she was a bright prospect. A tearful Ms Kennedy said: "I am missing out on valuable business. The American buyers are in London now but they won't be able to see my work."

A police spokesman added: "We don't know whether the men knew what they were taking. They might well be out to make copies of the clothes and sell them on abroad. If the labels are cut out the clothes will be worthless. If the labels stay we will be able to trace them." Police believe the clothes are likely to end up in a London market or in Hong Kong.

☐ Amid a sea of black, designer Edina Ronay sent out a shock of colour onto the catwalk for her autumn winter presentation at Claridge's yesterday.

Until the finale she, too, had savoured neutral hues, black, grey highlighted with ivory (another favourite with the British designers), but the end of the show saw a clash of the brightest neon colours: tangy orange, yellow, lime and punky pink. Long, swirling skirts were teamed with vest tops layered over T-shirts.

It was the brightest moment of this season's fashion week, which has proved to be brighter than ever before, in spite of the lack of colour offered by the designers.

Cocaine smuggler jailed for 30 years

A SPANISH sea captain who smuggled a "murderous cargo" of highly pure cocaine worth £100 million into Scotland was jailed for 30 years yesterday.

The sentence passed on Francisco Torres is the longest imposed for a drugs offence by a Scottish court.

Torres, 28, shipped the cocaine across the Atlantic to Scotland's west coast, where it was landed by dinghy in January 1991 at a remote part of Sutherland. The drug was intercepted while being driven south on the A9 near Newtonmore, Highland, disguised as waste from Dounreay nuclear reprocessing plant.

Lord Weir told Torres at the High Court in Edinburgh: "You piloted this murderous cargo to our shores. It brings misery and death to its users. If this enterprise had proved successful the consequences would have been incalculable."

Torres, a Spanish national, was convicted of drug smuggling at the High Court in Glasgow and sentenced was deferred until yesterday. He was extradited to Scotland from Canada last July. Five Scots have been jailed for their part in the crime and a sixth is still being sought.

Donald Findlay QC, for the defence, said that Torres, who did not have a criminal record, vehemently protested his innocence. He had tried to commit suicide by cutting his throat in prison.

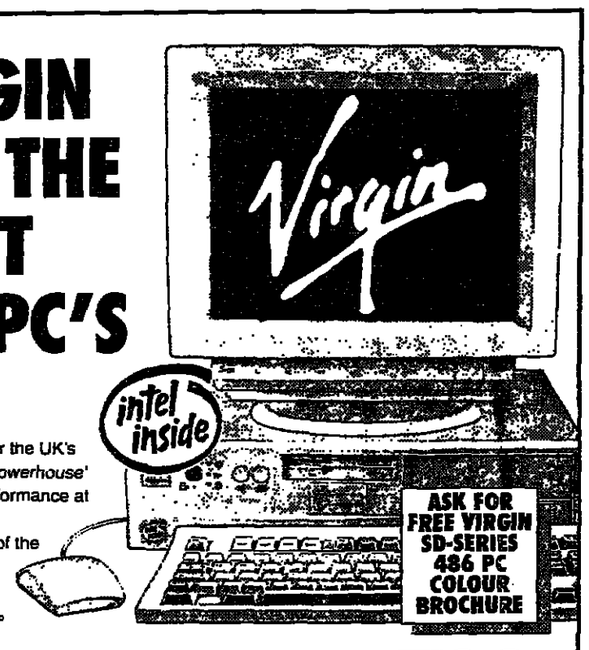
Mr Findlay argued that Christopher Howarth, 35, a former diver from Ullapool, who is serving 25 years for his part in the smuggling operation, was a major player.

Torres was simply a courier, Mr Findlay said. The court had been told that the 26 sacks of cocaine were collected off the South American coast by Torres's ship, the Panamanian-registered *Dimar B*.

However, Lord Weir told Torres: "You were captain of this ship. It was your skill, and I may say very considerable skill, that enabled this ship to be navigated to our coast in very difficult weather.

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Sewage pipe aids Solent tunnel bid

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of engineers wants to build a three-mile road link from the Isle of Wight to the mainland, using sewage-pipe technology to lay the rectangular concrete tunnel on the seabed.

The plan, which would provide a dual-carriageway link between Ryde and Gosport, involves floating sections of two 12ft square tunnels out into the Solent, sinking them 120ft down to a trench in the seabed, slotting them into place and then bolting them together.

The designers claim the whole operation would take 18 months to complete at a cost of £61 million. They are trying to raise £300,000 for a feasibility study.

They believe the tunnel would be more profitable than the Channel tunnel. It would only be big enough for cars or vans but would enable motorists to make the crossing in a matter of minutes, paying about £10 for a return trip.

It would connect with the M27 in Hampshire and emerge near Ryde pier. The planners believe it could also be linked with a £72 million light rapid transit system proposed by Hampshire County Council.

The chartered civil engineer behind the scheme, Robert Wakefield, 54, said: "I first thought of the idea when I was working on a mile-long sewage pipe at Brown Down in Gosport. I looked across to the Isle of Wight and thought that the technology used in this sewage pipe could be used in a tunnel to the island. It sprang from there really."

However, he admitted the plan could face fierce opposition from local residents. "Many of them are retired and want their island to remain separate. The business community is in favour and they see the link as a way of reviving the dying economy."

The Liberal-Democrat run Island County Council has always opposed a bridge or tunnel, but Martin Lloyd, chairman of the Island Development Board, has backed the feasibility study.

Mr Lloyd said: "I think one should at least assess the benefits and minuses."



Patten ordered to rethink girl's fees

A HIGH Court judge yesterday directed the Education Secretary to reconsider "with all due expedition" his refusal to pay private school fees for a highly gifted girl of nine.

John Patten had earlier agreed that his original decision not to help Lucinda Cash-Gibson, who became the youngest member of Mensa at the age of four, should be formally quashed.

Mr Justice Sedley observed: "The Secretary of State has come out with his hands up."

The legal battle started when the London Borough of Camden refused to pay Lucinda's school fees. Her mother claimed she was emotionally and behaviourally disturbed by her time in a state primary school and had "special needs" which could only be met by a private school for bright children.

The local education authority said Lucinda's needs could be met by a mainstream school and it was under no statutory duty to pay her fees.

Last September the dispute reached Mr Patten, who conceded that Lucinda, whose IQ of 161 put her in the top 0.02 per cent of the population, had special needs. However, he denied they required extra provision.

Lucinda's mother Coral, a single parent of Kilburn, northwest London, launched an application for judicial review. She argued that her daughter needed help because she had become bored and frustrated at her local primary school and had to be removed.



Lucinda: member of Mensa at age of four

Lucinda is now attending a private school where, until recently, fees of £1,640 a term were paid by sponsors. Her counsel told the judge she was relying on the kindness of the school to keep her on until her funding problems could be sorted out.

After the hearing Lucinda's solicitor, Jack Rabinowicz, said: "Even after the Secretary of State conceded defeat, we still had to come to court to get the order that he reconsider the case with due expedition. Even that he resisted."

Fibre provides answer to house mite

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH scientists have discovered a powerful new weapon to deal with the asthma-causing house dust mite. They have developed a range of fibres which trap the pests in an electrostatic field.

The fibres can be woven into carpets, duvets, clothing and soft furnishings. They can also curb flea infestations on pets and farm animals if woven into a collar or leg band.

Professor John Hughes, of Southampton University, said yesterday: "Many of the pesticides and insecticides used to kill pests on pets are toxic and not very nice to have around households."

The researchers in the university's department of electrical engineering are working with entomologists in the biology department to identify benign chemicals that will attract fleas into the electrostatic collars.

The average home is colonised by many millions of the microscopic mites which feed on human skin and other materials shed or discarded in dust. A typical bed contains two million house dust mites and each square inch of carpet about 100,000.

The mites and their droppings have been linked with a growing number of asthma and allergy cases. One in ten Britons now suffers from asthma, eczema, rhinitis and other allergies such as hay fever. Warm and well insulated homes increase the threat.

Attempts to tackle the mites have been hampered by their numbers and size. Fully grown, the pests are no more than 200 micrometres in length. Their droppings are much smaller.

Tests indicate that the fibres, currently used in industrial applications including telephone microphones, can trap up to 99 per cent of mite and dropping-sized particles. The fibres, which carry positive and negative charges, work because mites and their droppings are also charged.

By interweaving the fibres with normal ones, mites, particles and droppings are attracted to and held in the electrostatic field. This stops them floating into the air and so getting into people's lungs.

Prof Hughes's team has patented the new application. He said the work had reached a crucial stage and the next step was to try to develop the fabric applications commercially.

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Parents convicted of killing baby boy by neglect

By Michael Horsnell

THE parents of a 15-month-old boy who died of neglect were convicted of manslaughter yesterday.

The father, aged 44, was also convicted of cruelty to three of the couple's six other children but his 38-year-old wife, who is mentally handicapped, was cleared by an Old Bailey jury.

The couple, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were remanded on bail until March 7 for pre-sentence reports.

Last night, an independent review of the case was ordered by Islington council, north London. The court was told that the family had been under supervision by a social worker, but she went on strike for five months from September 1992 and afterwards was on sick leave.

Islington council failed to appoint a replacement and the baby was left unsupervised for the last eight months of his life. The boy, born on December 6, 1991, was covered in sores caused by its own urine when he died on March 7 last year. Orlando Pownall, for the prosecution, said that if he had been taken to a doctor up to 12 hours before his death he would have survived.

The court was told that danger signs were apparent when the social worker, Jean Melton, joined a strike over staffing arrangements. She admitted she knew that he was living in dirty conditions. Miss Melton, who has since left the council, said the baby was "a bit smelly" when she last saw him in July 1992, but she was keen for him to remain with his parents.

She told the court: "The family needed support and regular supervision but at that time it was decided that the children did not need to be placed on the at-risk register."

Medical evidence showed that the urine-soaked pram in which the baby had been left was effectively an acid bath and he had sores over a third of his emaciated body. Death was due to a combination of pneumonia and blood poisoning caused by bacteria entering the body through the sores. Paul Flynn, co-ordinator at St Bartholomew's Hospital, said the boy was so disfigured that he thought he had been burnt in a fire.

The court was told that the baby was left alone for hours and the sleeves of his clothes were tied together to stop him moving. The father told police: "The upbringing of the baby is a woman's job. I get the food. I am very sorry for his death but as far as I am concerned I have done nothing wrong."

Hannah Miller, Islington's chief social services officer, said after the trial: "The area child protection committee fully and collectively accepts its responsibility to take vigourous action to improve the protection of children in Islington in the light of lessons to be learnt from this baby's tragic death."

ADRIAN BROOKS



A policeman overcome by emotion during the funeral of Derek Robertson

Police pay tribute to brave colleague

HUNDREDS of police officers yesterday paid tribute to Sgt Derek Robertson, who was stabbed to death two weeks ago when he tried to stop raiders at a post office in south London.

A guard of 40 officers from Mr Robertson's shift at New Addington police station, south London, waited outside St John's Church in Redhill for the funeral cortège to arrive. Among the mourners were his wife Christine, to whom he was married for just six weeks, and their children Fraser, seven, and Sacha, four. The couple had lived together for 11 years.

Most of the policemen in the South Norwood division in south London, where Mr Robertson was based, attended the funeral, with officers from other areas covering for them. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan police, also joined the mourners.

Another guard of officers with dogs were also present. Mrs Robertson had asked for them to attend because dog handlers had helped to arrest three men after her husband



Robertson: tackled men alone and unarmed

was killed. Mr Robertson, 39, from Reigate, Surrey, was stabbed after confronting the raiders alone and unarmed in New Addington on February 9. He died despite undergoing heart surgery at the roadside.

Robert Eades, 31, of New Addington, has been charged with Mr Robertson's murder. He is also charged with attempted robbery. Two brothers, Christopher Snelling, 38, and David Snelling, 31, both of New Addington, have been charged with attempted robbery.

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Warrington paper wins awards

THE "remarkable" coverage by the *Warrington Guardian* of the bombing of the town by the IRA won the newspaper three prizes in the British Press Awards yesterday.

Journalist of the year: Mark Rossiter (editor, *Warrington Guardian*).

Reporter of the year: Tina Weaver (*Today*).

Foreign journalist of the year: Shyam Bhatia (*The Observer*).

Foreign stringer of the year: Anthony Loyd (*The Times*).

Regional journalist of the year: Helen Weathers (*Wales on Sunday*).

Sports journalist of the year: Harry Harris (*Daily Mirror*).

Young journalist of the year: Esther Oxford (*The Independent*).

Feature writer of the year: Fiammetta Rocco (*Independent on Sunday*).

Columnist of the year: Matthew Parris (*The Times*).

Arts and leisure journalist: Brian Sewell (*Evening Standard*). Highly commended: Richard Morrison (*The Times*).

Exclusive of the year: *The Observer*, on the Government's secret talks with the IRA leadership.

Image of the year: Mike Boden (*Warrington Guardian*).

Team journalism: *Warrington Guardian* (IRA bombing).

Regional newspaper of the year: *Evening Times*, Glasgow.

National newspaper of the year: *The Daily Telegraph*.

Chairman's awards: Chris Moncrieff, political editor, the Press Association; Kelvin MacKenzie, former editor, *The Sun*.

Bus driver's appeal fails

A bus driver sacked after driving his double-decker under a bridge and ripping off the roof had his claim for unfair dismissal rejected yesterday by an industrial tribunal in Southampton.

Graham Soulby, 46, of Andover, Hampshire, drove the 14ft tall vehicle under an 11ft 9in bridge last August after being diverted from his route by police. The only passenger on the top deck received hospital treatment.

Trial halted

The trial of Douglas Staples, 44, of Newbury, accused of jumping on the car of his wife's lover, was halted at Winchester Crown Court. The case will be retried later this year.

Woman held

Diane Gillian Holmes, 29, of Bath, was remanded in custody by the city's magistrates charged with taking two-day-old Charlie Waylen from Royal United Hospital.

Crash verdict

The Surrey coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death on Alan Craggs, 40, a Guildford police inspector killed when he lost control of his car returning home on New Year's Day after a 14-hour shift.

Correction

A report yesterday (Suicide of trader after bank call) wrongly stated that Clydesdale Bank was part of the Midland Group. In fact, Midland sold Clydesdale seven years ago; we apologise for the error.



KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Race of champions

AFTER two rounds of the super-tournament in Linares, Spain, Garry Kasparov, world champion of the PCA and Anatoly Karpov, champion of Fide, are sharing the lead as the only players on two points.

Full results from round two were: Shirov v Lautier adjourned; Kamsky v Beliavsky 1-0; Karpov v Bareev 1-0; Kramnik v Anand drawn; Kasparov v Illescas 1-0; Gelfand v Ivanchuk drawn; Polgar v Topalov 1-0. The most spectacular game from round two was Kamsky's sacrificial demolition of the Ukrainian grandmaster Alexander Beliavsky.

White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Alexander Beliavsky
Linares, February 1994
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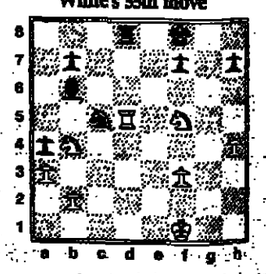
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25	Bxe6+	Bf7
26	d5	Ne5
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29	Nf5	Kf8
30	Nc5	Ng5
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Bareev's costly blunder

Anyone who has ever felt discouraged by a colossal mistake should take heart from Bareev's 35th move against Karpov in round two which not only blundered away a rook with check but also allowed checkmate in one move.

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Evgeny Bareev
Linares, February 1994

Diagram of position after White's 35th move



Here Bareev perpetrated the horrendous error 35 ... Be7 allowing 36 Rxd8 checkmate.

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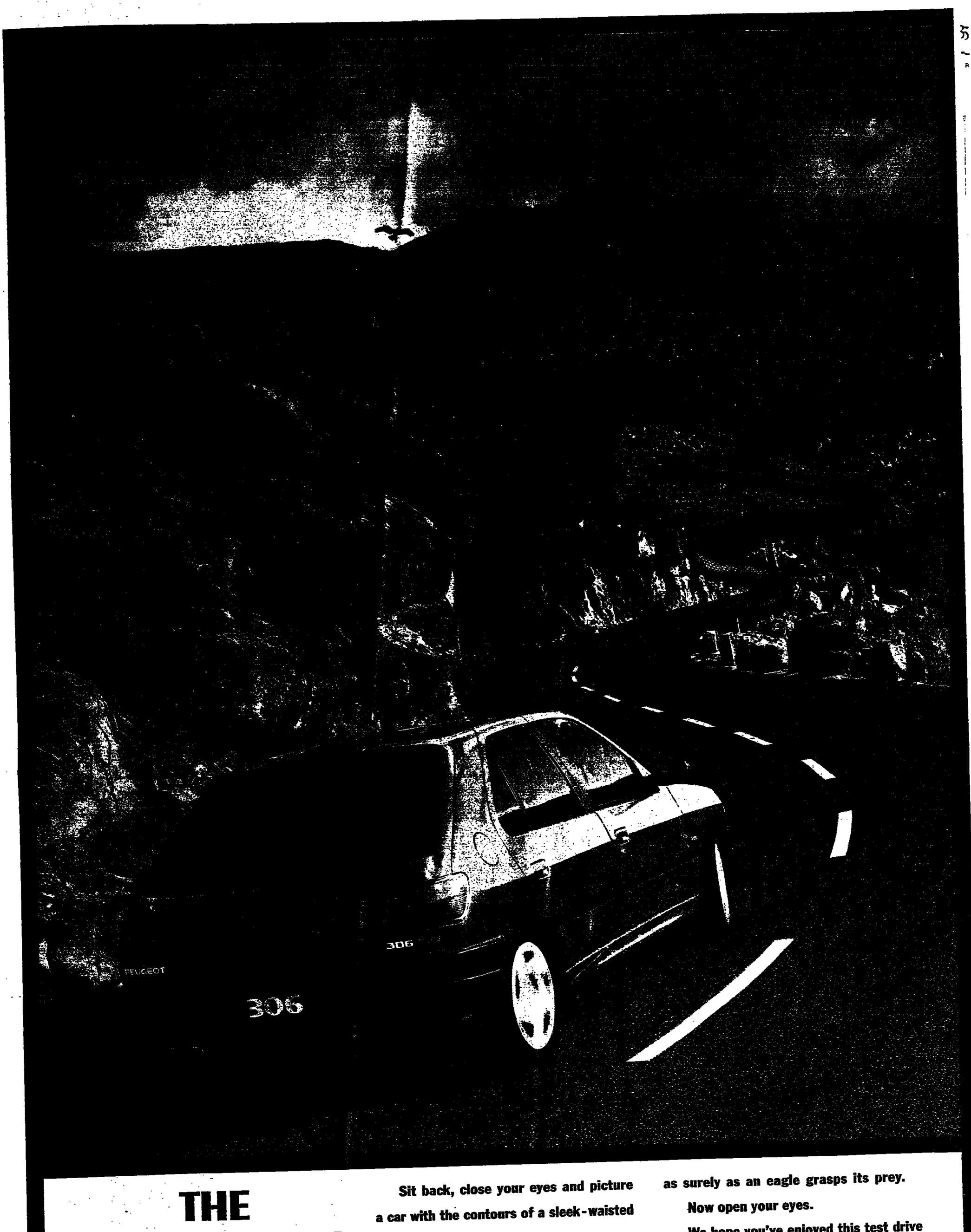
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Tories strive to regain initiative before local government elections

Chancellor holds out promise of tax cuts

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke insisted yesterday that the Tories would fight critical elections over the next four months on a platform of low taxation.

Speaking to businessmen in Maidstone, the Chancellor held out the hope of tax reductions before the next general election, saying: "Our answer to those who ask 'will taxes ever go down again?' is 'yes, provided we control public spending'."

The Prime Minister will today spell out the same message in a "vigorous" campaigning speech to set the agenda for the local government elections on May 5. The double broadside underlines the Government's determination to regain the initiative on tax that has helped it win four general elections.

Labour has been making the running in recent weeks by exposing the Government's broken pledges on tax and ministers are determined not to give further ground.

Addressing the local government conference in London today, John Major will dismiss the Opposition's "tax mythology" and point out that Labour has always voted against tax cuts and has never called for lower public spending.

The Prime Minister will make clear that Budget tax increases were a temporary, but necessary, measure while insisting the Tories would get back to tax cutting as soon as they could.

The Chancellor yesterday justified the tax rises in the last Budget as a necessary expedient to "cut the nation's overdraft" but he pledged to lower taxes again once public spending was under control.

In a bid to reassure the party's right wing, Mr Clarke indicated that next year's spending might have to be cut to avoid a further round of tax increases. No decision will be made until the public spending round starts this summer.

The Chancellor has come under criticism from some rightwingers who claim he has gone "soft" on the spending reviews set up by Michael Portillo last year. However, sources close to the Chancellor said yesterday he remained firmly committed to the reviews, which are due to report this month. Mr Clarke said "the big divide" in British politics was that you could only be a low-tax party if spending was kept in check.

"The Conservative Party is willing to fight on the low taxation issue anytime and anywhere," he said. He made clear that this applied to the forthcoming local government and Euro elections and the four by-elections this year. "We have introduced a regime of low marginal tax rates, and while I remain Chancellor low tax rates are here to stay."

Last week, Labour published Treasury figures showing that Tory tax increases over the next two years would cost the average family an extra £1,000 a year. Yesterday, Mr Clarke said the figures used by Harriet Harman, shadow Treasury Chief Secretary, were based on higher earnings. "If you earn more money then you pay more tax."

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said: "Token tax cuts before the next election will not undo the damage done by tax rises equivalent to 7p in the pound. The Tories will never be able to claim to be a party of low, fair or honest tax ever again."

SIMON WALKER



Kenneth Clarke addressing businessman in Maidstone yesterday

Trains collided in tunnel after BR ignored risk

BY A STAFF REPORTER

BRITISH Rail's failure to implement safety procedures was heavily criticised yesterday in a report into the Severn tunnel rail crash.

A Health and Safety Executive investigation found the accident on December 7, 1991, in which 185 passengers were injured, could have been avoided with better management.

Lessons learnt from previous disasters, such as that at Clapham Junction in December 1988, were not put into practice, said Robin Seymour, former chief inspecting officer of railways.

The crash under the Severn estuary happened when a Portsmouth to Cardiff sprinter diesel train drove into the rear of an InterCity Paddington to Cardiff express towards the Welsh end of the five-mile tunnel. It took rescue services more than two hours to get stranded passengers out of the tunnel because teams were sent to the wrong end.

Yesterday's report failed to pinpoint the exact cause of the accident and why two trains were allowed into the tunnel at the same time. Mr Seymour concluded that it was caused either by an "unaccountable error" by the sprinter driver or by technicians working in the Severn tunnel junction control room. The crash could also have been the result of a signalling failure which left no detectable trace and had not reoccurred since the accident.

Mr Seymour said: "Following the Clapham Junction accident, the investigation by Sir Anthony Hidden highlighted the need for proper training, supervision and dependable procedures. As a result, BR committed themselves to a policy of Total Quality Management. It is disturbing to find so little evidence of its effects in practice here.

"This is not to suggest that railway managers and staff were negligent or lacking in concern for safety. However, it seems the possibility of an emergency received too little attention amidst other pressing priorities.

"A systematic approach to the identification, management and monitoring of hazards, which BR has adopted in principle, could have checked all these errors and prevented the accident."

David Harland, the deputy chief inspector of railways, said BR had carried out many improvements at the tunnel since the investigation. But Terry Glossop, Gwent's chief fire officer, said some recommendations put forward by his brigade were still outstanding.

Brian Scott, BR's Western Region InterCity director, said: "Our level of preparedness is now significantly better than it was in December 1991 — and it will continue to improve."

Commenting on the report's findings, Roger Freeman, the transport minister, said: "BR has spent and is planning to spend £6.5 million specifically on improving safety at the Severn tunnel. No passenger fortunately has been killed since July 1991 on our railways."

Major 'clarifies' Sinn Fein role

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

■ The Prime Minister has spelt out how Sinn Fein can enter the Ulster peace talks, increasing the pressure on Gerry Adams

JOHN Major appeared to clarify the Downing Street Declaration for Sinn Fein yesterday and aroused further unionist anger by declaring that Britain had no "selfish interest" in Northern Ireland.

On the eve of Sinn Fein's annual conference in Dublin, Mr Major spelt out how the party could enter political talks. But he criticised Gerry Adams, its president, for frustrating the peace process.

He wrote in *The Irish News*, Northern Ireland's nationalist morning paper: "We would be ready, within three months of an end to violence, to begin an exploratory dialogue with Sinn Fein. Its aims would be to discuss how Sinn Fein would become involved in the three-stranded political talks, how they could be brought fully into normal political life in Northern Ireland."

However, he added: "We would have no reason to wish to frustrate the democratically expressed wishes of the people. We shall abide by these wishes, and if the people prefer to remain in the United Kingdom, as they have done so far, we shall uphold their right to do."

He rejected Sinn Fein's demand that the Government should persuade unionists of the merits of Irish unity. He said: "It is not the Government's job to tell the Irish people what they should think or to dictate to them where their future should be."

He also declared: "The Joint Declaration leaves no conceivable reason for continued violence. The reasons given by the republican movement in the past no longer exist."

He then challenged Mr Adams by asking whether he shared his view. "If not, why not? The people have the right to know. He cannot be permitted to argue for peace and yet frustrate it."

The article sparked a furious response from unionist politicians, who accused Mr Major of reneging on his pledge not to clarify the declaration. Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said: "This shows that Mr Major has capitulated to terrorism. We now have a prime minister who is down on his knees begging the terrorists to leave him alone and stop the violence."

Mr Major's comments were a calculated attempt to put pressure on Mr Adams before his address to the Sinn Fein conference this afternoon. Sinn Fein sources have been playing down the significance of the conference, saying that there will be no definitive response to the declaration. It is understood that republican hardliners are still rejecting the declaration and deeply distrust the Government.

Sceptic gathers support in Essex

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

TEDDY Taylor, the king of the Euro-sceptics among Tory MPs, said yesterday that he had the support of 77 Tory backbenchers and three ministers in his mission to become an MEP.

Pro-European MEPs are trying to persuade the South Essex Conservative Association not to nominate the maverick MP from Southend East as their candidate.

Sir Teddy has the support of Baroness Thatcher as well as the Mistley 16, the Essex Conservative branch which passed a vote of no confidence in John Major last month. He said he had had over 200 letters from Conservative Party members offering to canvass for him.

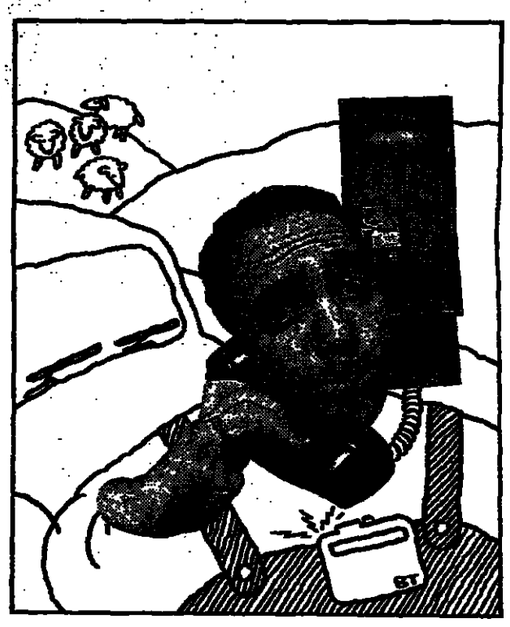
This is no Damascus-type conversion, merely the latest step in Sir Teddy's crusade to save Parliament from itself and take the fight to the heart of the enemy. He has no intention of abandoning his seat in the House of Commons and his scorn for MEPs remains undimmed: he still believes they are worse than useless.

Sir Teddy will hear on March 13 whether he has been selected. He believes he is the perfect choice and has already started campaigning. "Essex voters are rather special. They are the ones who can get it through to the Government that this country is appalled by Brussels."

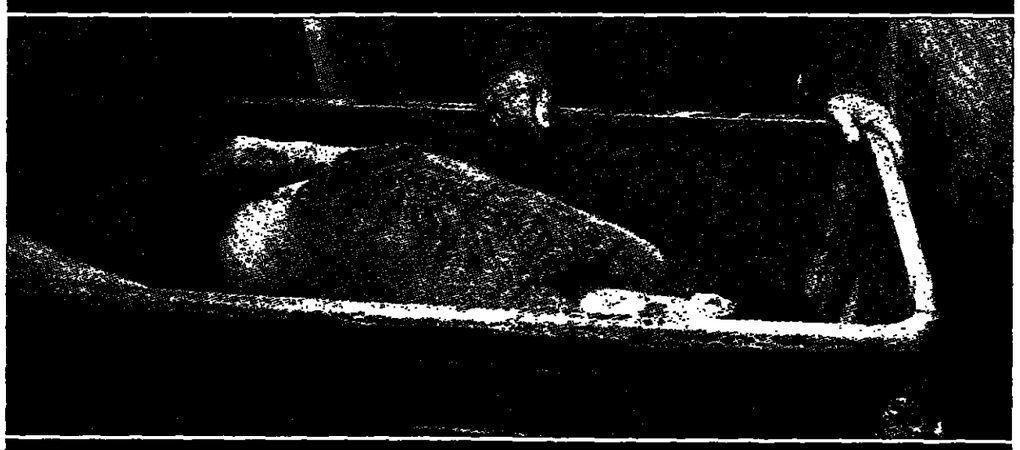
What happens if Sir Teddy wins South Essex and turns out to be the only Tory MEP elected in Britain? "Now wouldn't that be fun? Wouldn't that be wonderful if I could turn up there as Britain's sole Conservative representative?" he said.

One Tory MEP said: "He is making a mockery of the European elections just when the party desperately needs to be seen to weld together. The constituency would be foolish to select him, but the terrible thing is that in Essex he might have a chance."

Lord Bethell, Conservative MEP for London North-West, said: "If he is selected I wish him the best of luck and would be glad to support him. Any Conservative candidate deserves our loyalty but I would expect him to give me a hand too."



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Tory MEPs ordered to toe the federal line

FROM JAMES LANDALE IN BRUSSELS

TORY MEPs were warned yesterday that they must support a manifesto that calls for a federal Europe or risk expulsion from the European People's Party, to which they are affiliated.

However, Wilfried Martens, president of the EPP, a coalition of centre-right parties, said Conservatives' opposition to the social chapter and monetary union would be acceptable.

The decision to accept the MEPs' opposition to these two facets of the manifesto is an attempt by EPP officials to defuse the dispute among Tories over their links with the group in the European Parliament. But the suggestion that the MEPs must support the rest of the manifesto is likely to bring Tory divisions over Europe, dormant since Maastricht, back to the surface.

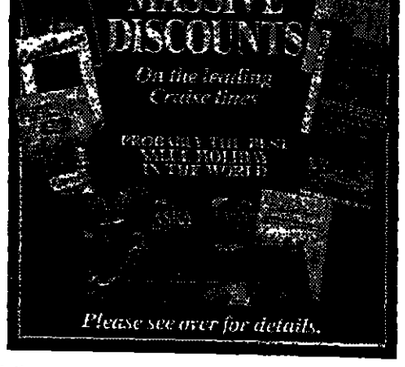
Mr Martens said that the Tory MEPs' links with the EPP would be reviewed in July unless they adhered to everything else in the manifesto. "All other objectives of this manifesto have to be accepted for collaboration with the future group of the EPP."

In a letter to Tory MEPs this week, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said their link with the EPP was "sensible" but emphasised that there was no connection with the Conservative Party itself. The MEPs will have their own manifesto, currently being drafted by a committee headed by Mr Hurd.

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School inspectors tell teachers to instil moral values

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

SCHOOLS are to be assessed on the moral, spiritual and social values they instil in pupils as well as their academic standards, the chief inspector of schools announced yesterday.

Schools must tackle difficult moral issues and help to reduce juvenile crime, Professor Stewart Sutherland, head of the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted), said. Ofsted has published guidelines on how pupils' moral development should be assessed.

Professor Sutherland said the debate was particularly timely because of highly publicised events such as the murder of James Bulger by two 10-year-old boys. "The statistics on acts of robbery by juveniles, for example, are very worrying for society. What are the values being promoted in the homes and schools of these individuals, and why is there no positive reaction?" he asked.

Professor Sutherland said schools could not be expected to make up for deficiencies in the home, but they were places where controversial issues, such as racism or abortion, could be raised in a calm setting. Some schools were "doing marvellously", but others needed to be reminded of their responsibilities.

The inspectors' report suggests a series of basic standards to be adopted in every school. Teachers should never expose pupils to cruelty or discrimination, vindictiveness or victimisation. Also, they should show that bullying, vandalism, racial or sexual harassment and ganging up on individuals would not be tolerated.

The 1992 Act that established the new inspection system required that the ethos of a school should be the subject of assessment. Professor Sutherland conceded that the concept was difficult to pin down and would require subjective judgment in some areas. But he said: "It is not all that subjective to tell the difference between when there is mayhem and when there isn't. There are a whole series of markers you can pull out."

Schools will be expected to show that positive values pervade the curriculum. Professor Sutherland cited the teaching of science "not in terms of lumps of matter or collections of molecules, but the whole human being". The professor, who is a philosopher, intends to publish a personal contribution to the debate. He promised that school inspectors would not become inquisitors, but said it was important for schools not to dodge difficult issues.

The requirement for spiritual development will include a knowledge of the central beliefs of world religions, an understanding of how people have sought to explain the universe, and the formation of personal responses to questions about the purpose of life.

Social development will include knowledge of how society functions constitutionally and the acquisition of teamwork and leadership skills. Cultural development is expected to provide pupils with an understanding of their cultural roots and to broaden their horizons.

John Patten, the Education Secretary, welcomed the initiative as a contribution to the Government's drive to place spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues at the heart of school life. "I have recently emphasised that these aspects of pupils' development need to pervade every activity in schools and should be central to the ethos of a school," Mr Patten said.

However, Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "The Government is trying to run a moral campaign that its own members cannot live up to. Now inspectors are trying to impose a moral agenda on schools that may have no resonance with parents. Morality is something that should be dealt with at school level, and not centralised."

Eamonn O'Kane, deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "This is all part of the current obsession with measuring every aspect of school life."

☐ A one-day strike at 335 colleges of further education is to be called off after the Court of Appeal ruled that proposed action at one of the colleges would be illegal.

The National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education called the strike as part of its dispute with the Colleges' Employers' Forum over the introduction of flexible employment contracts. But yesterday the appeal court granted an injunction to Blackpool and The Fylde College banning the strike on March 1 because the union had not provided adequate information to the employer.

Matthew Parris, page 16



Sutherland: child crime very worrying for society

ROBIN MAYES



Wayne Sleep steps back in time during rehearsals with dancer Agnes Oaks after accepting his first touring role in a classical ballet since leaving the Royal Ballet in 1983 (Andrew Pierce writes).

The dancer found royal favour in 1986 when he danced with the Princess of Wales at a charity party, and she is expected to attend one of his comeback performances with the English National Ballet, which start on March 4 in Southampton. Sleep, 45, has signed for a national tour, and will make more than 30 appearances in the ballet *Coppelia* as Dr Coppelius, the toymaker who brings dolls back to life.

During May, he will be performing his own ballet, *Savoy Suite*, in which he plays the librettist Sir William Gilbert. Sleep said: "I am really pleased to be back with a major classical company. It is such a pleasure to work with the company and to dance to a full 60-piece orchestra again."

The dancer, who is 5ft 2in, is popularly credited with extending the appeal of ballet with his performances in the Lloyd Webber musicals *Cats* and *Song and Dance*.

Credo

Weary winners are at the end of the beginning

Christina Rees

Last Tuesday, the General Synod of the Church of England finalised the legislation permitting women to become priests. On March 12 in Bristol, the first ordinations of women are scheduled to take place, followed by ordinations in the other dioceses during the next five months.

Although I am looking forward to the ordinations with delight, delight has hardly been my predominant emotion since the 'Yes' vote in synod more than 15 months ago.

At a recent talk, the Rev Cathy Milford, moderator of the Movement for the Ordination of Women (MOW), was asked how she felt so close to seeing her mission accomplished. After a brief pause and a short laugh, she answered: "Weary!"

As a deacon awaiting ordination, and in her capacity as moderator of MOW, she has experienced particular attention, and many others involved in the process report a similar sense of exhaustion. Cathy's work for MOW will end later this year when the group is formally wound down, but the task is far from finished. Women priests and their supporters will carry on with the job of explaining, showing — and discovering — what women's priestly ministry is to be.

In addition to a growing sense of weariness and impatience, I have noticed three ways in which my perspectives have altered during the past year. First, instead of seeing the successful passage of the measure as an end in itself, I realise that, although the task has been accomplished, the process of working out the implications of the decision has yet to begin.

In the run up to the vote, all my attentions and energies were focused on getting the measure passed on November 11, 1992. Now I am becoming more aware of the changes that will need to take place if women priests are to be fully integrated into the church, changes that will require a huge amount of thought and prayer as well as a great deal of time. Time, perhaps more than anything, is what is needed, and I had underestimated this most of all.

This brings me to my second shift of perspective. In the same speech, Cathy Milford expressed her opinion that "the Church of England is being bullied, and the danger is that people will give in to it for the sake of a quiet life". Last week, a journalist asked me if I was worried that the Church of England had bent over too far and given away too much to appease the vocal minority of those against women priests. As one who voted for the generous concessions for opponents, I confess that I have had some doubts since.

Perhaps I was not prepared for the conduct of some of the more extreme traditionalists. Of course, most of those who are opposed have carried on as usual, trying to come to terms with what women priests will mean for them. But a small number have reacted in ways that, in my view, bear little or no resemblance to Christianity, and I confess to feeling very angry at times.

However, as a Christian, I am forced to examine my own behaviour and attitudes, and I find that I cannot get away from the injunction to forgive seventy times seven, to offer also my shirt when my jacket has been taken, and, most of all, to love my enemies and pray for those who treat me spitefully.

My third shift in perspective is more theological. I believe that the reasons for wanting women in the priesthood, and many of the related issues, are vital in our quest to know God better.

Behind all of the papers, speeches and debates, behind all of the excitement, fear and expectations, is the overwhelming desire to understand who God is, who we are, and what our response to God and to each other should be. At times the issues seem so incredibly complex, but at the heart of it all the question remains, "Is this of God?"

As I have been drawn deeper and further into theological study and reflection, my answer is ever more confidently "Yes". Perhaps now, with the very last piece of legislation behind us, we can get back to the point of it all.

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Seabird survey to trace deaths

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE emaciated corpses of seabirds are still being washed up on beaches in northern Britain after a mass starvation that is estimated to have killed at least 60,000, ornithologists said yesterday.

This weekend, up to a thousand volunteers will walk along 1,800 miles of British coastline in an annual count of dead seabirds organised by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). The survey will provide the first reliable assessment of the recent deaths.

Most of the dead birds are guillemots, with smaller numbers of razorbills, shags, puffins, kittiwakes, cormorants and little auks. Up to 50,000 of the corpses have been found round the Shetland Islands, but smaller numbers have washed up as far south as the Humber estuary.

Derek Niemann, an RSPB spokesman, said: "The annual survey usually finds between several hundred and a few thousand dead seabirds, about a third killed by oil pollution and the rest by starvation. Last year, 2,823 corpses were found, of which 264 were oiled."

Ornithologists do not agree about the reasons for the large number of deaths this year and even whether they are especially abnormal. In 1983, the worst year before this, 30,000 birds died, but over a longer period. Then as now, the high mortality coincided with a prolonged stretch of bad weather and strong easterly winds.

Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, said: "We need to get this in perspective. Even if 100,000 guillemots have died, that would represent less than 5 per cent of the total North Sea population and probably no more than the number that die every year unseen out at sea. They only get blown ashore when the winds are in the right direction."

Guillemots stay at sea throughout the autumn and winter, diving for fish to build up their fat stocks for the breeding season, which runs from March to August. They come ashore to breed, nesting in large colonies on coastal cliffs, mainly round the coasts of Scotland.

Stormy weather makes the water turbid and can stop guillemots and razorbills feeding altogether or force them to dive deeper for prey so they quickly become exhausted. The RSPB believes that "industrial" overfishing by the Danes of sandeels, one of the main ingredients of the guillemot diet, may also have reduced food supplies. The sandeels are turned into pig and poultry feed.

Recluse living in squalor leaves £1.5m

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A RECLUSIVE bachelor who lived in "poverty and squalor" in a run-down bungalow left £1.5 million in his will.

Alan Angus, who died of a heart attack aged 65, was so remote from the outside world that he did not know the hospital to which he left his money had closed down three years earlier.

Neighbours said that since his mother died ten years ago, Mr Angus, a former water rates collector, had rarely been seen outside his home at Worthing, West Sussex. Paint was peeling off the bungalow's windows and the garden was overgrown.

People who knew him were shocked to find out he had been sitting on a fortune. One neighbour said: "He kept himself very much to himself. I would never have dreamt he had all that money. He certainly never spent any. He lived in virtual squalor."

A member of the solicitors' firm dealing with the estate said: "He was a bachelor and lived alone. He was quiet and unassuming but a very nice person. He once told me he could never think of himself as anything but a poor man."

Mr Angus left his entire fortune, which he is thought to have inherited, to the League of Friends of the Springfield Hospital's Morris Markowe Unit in New Malden, southwest London. It is thought he chose the unit because a relative was once nursed there.

The unit, which cared for the long term mentally ill, shut down in 1991, and the patients were either transferred to the main hospital at Tooting or returned into the community.

A spokesman said the league of friends still existed and a special meeting would be held to discuss the bequest.

Lorry crash firm 'put limit on repair bill'

THE owners of the 10-tonne lorry that ran out of control and killed six people had imposed a monthly limit on maintenance costs, an inquest was told yesterday.

The tipper lorry, owned by Fewstones Transport, of Skipton, North Yorkshire, ran down a hill at Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, in September, killing the driver and another man, three women and a two-year-old girl. Tests showed that the brake drums on all eight wheels should have been replaced and the brake shoes on four wheels were worn down to the rivets.

Alex Johnson, former transport manager at the company, told the inquest at Bradford yesterday that he could remember a monthly limit being put on repairs. "I can't remember the exact amount but in haulage if you need £10,000 one month, you might only need £5,000 the next month," he said. "You can't stipulate the amount, but there was an occasion when there was an amount fixed. If we needed any more, we would have to wait until the next month for the maintenance money."

Mark Hinchliffe, the coroner, asked: "While those vehicles were waiting for repairs were they off the road?" Mr Johnson replied: "Oh no, they would be made to last another week or fortnight."

He said he left the company more than a year before the accident and had no evidence regarding maintenance since he had left. In answer to questions from Fewstones' legal representative, he said that he had been dismissed for misconduct, but denied that he was motivated by vindictiveness. The hearing continues.



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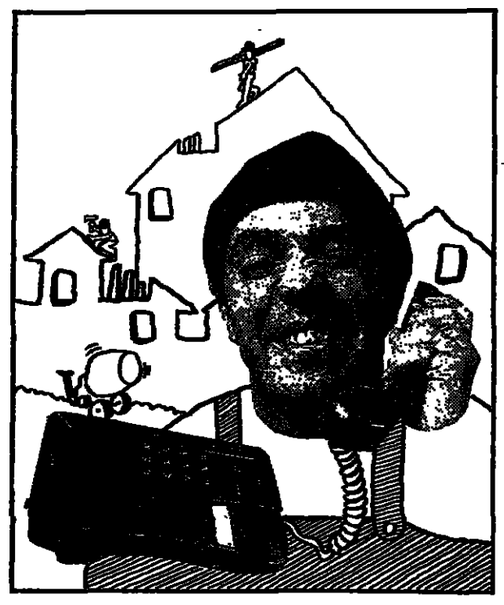
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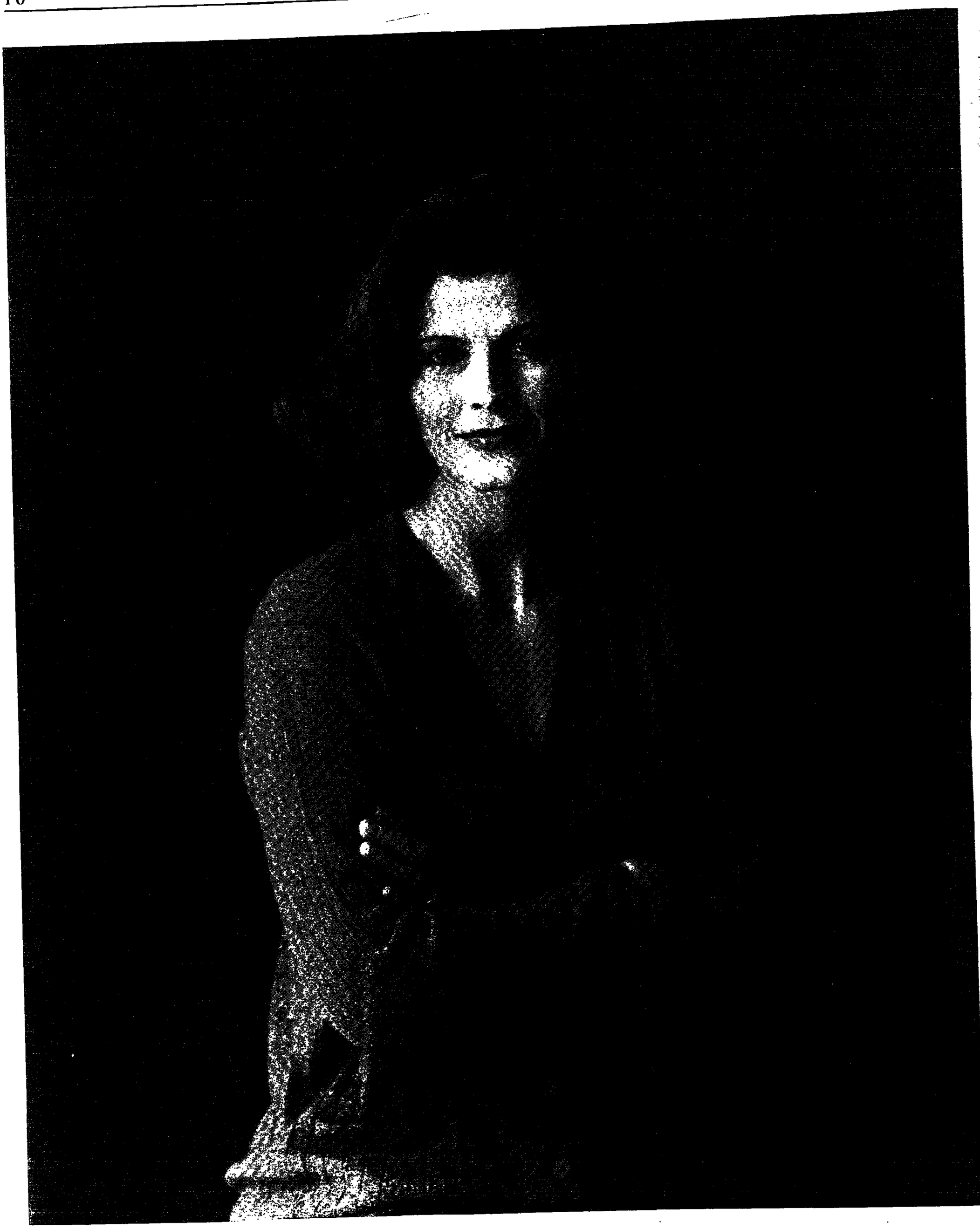
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America fated to be outmanoeuvred in the Balkans



President Clinton's refusal to provide troops for Unprofor diminishes American influence on the course of the conflict, ***Lawrence Freedman*** *writes*

SINCE Sarajevo was freed from artillery bombardment the international community has been seeking to sustain the positive "momentum".

The latest bout of activism over Bosnia began with Nato adding teeth to established demands, and then the United Nations exploiting the opportunity to get a Serb withdrawal.

UN troops have been used to occupy evacuated Serb positions and ensure that remaining artillery pieces within the exclusion zone are under some sort of control. Their role is shifting to a traditional peacekeeping operation. But as the humanitarian requirement is still as demanding as ever, so the requirements on manpower are growing. On this basis, it is hard to be optimistic about momentum because of the evident reluctance of those countries which already have sent troops to contribute more, despite UN requests. Yet at the same time Russia was gaining a grudging applause for a timely initiative simply on the basis of transferring 400 troops from the Croatian part of the UN operation in the former Yugoslavia to the Bosnian.

The order for this transfer had already come from the UN but the detachment was not budging without agreement from Moscow, which was still smarting because dramatic new moves had been taken by Nato without even a pretence of consultation with Russia. Moscow then appeared responsible by allowing its troops to move. The impact of all this highlights the influence that can come from troops on the ground. At the same time, America's allies have been seeking to discomfort them by drawing attention to their persistent refusal to provide troops to Unprofor. The word from Washington is of concern about Russian intentions and the degree of cover provided for the Serbs. President Clinton will find it hard to provide a pro-Muslim counter if he continues to avoid an American territorial presence.

The attempt to obtain a separate Croat-Muslim peace in Bosnia can be seen as influencing the position on the ground to avoid a messy and unjust partition in at least one part of the country, without an American presence. It could also be seen as an attempt to forge a pro-Western, anti-Serb coalition, which could be seen as even more threatening in Moscow and Belgrade. Either way, such an alliance is not going to hold unless considerable effort is put into making sure any ceasefire, and new political construction, survives in an area where brutal memories are still fresh.

The Muslims remain wary, for the events of the past two weeks have proved to be a mixed blessing. The Muslim point that the Serbs are not immune to coercion has been proved, but at the same time the positioning of UN troops along potential partition lines, the constrained nature of the American intervention and the strengthening of the Russian position has brought home to them that they are not removed from the impact of the fundamentals of politics.

If the Americans are unwilling to get involved in a straight fight with the Serbs on their account, they are certainly not going to risk anything with the Russians.

The Bosnian war is about territory and its control. The influence of the UN on its course is proportionate to its local representation, and the influence of particular countries on UN policy is proportionate to their contribution. Until the Americans recognise this they are fated to be outmanoeuvred in Bosnia by those who do.

Bitter Bosnia rivals greet ceasefire with cautious pessimism



Anthony Loyd*, who won a British press award yesterday, reports from Vitez*

THE Bosnian officer's face clouded as he hurled the three sets of captured dog tags and and identity cards on to the table. "These are not extremists. These are just ordinary young men who found themselves as soldiers in this war. No one should have to lose sons like these," he snapped.

The photographs portrayed similar faces, soft with youth, but set in contrived attempts at meanness. Croatian HVO soldiers from Vitez, they had ended their lives as frozen, snow-covered corpses after another insignificant firefight with Muslim troops over a ruined house in nearby Santici. The oldest was 21.

The officer's reaction to the enemy dead expressed a benevolence that grows rarer every day among Bosnia's combatants. But it is such men that are needed, should the newest and most ambitious plan brokered by the United Nations to halt the Muslim-Croat war stand any chance.

The four-point ceasefire plan, which came into effect yesterday, involves the relocation under UN auspices of heavy weaponry or its removal to areas between six and 12 miles away from confrontation lines, the total cessation of hostilities, the positioning of UN troops at key locations, and the establishment of a joint Croat-Muslim commission chaired by the UN to address further issues. The ceasefire reflects American-backed moves to shepherd Bosnia's Croats and Muslims into a confederation and has been drawn up without the direct involvement of Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, commander of the Bosnian UN forces, though he witnessed its signing. Its implementation will require numbers of UN troops as yet unavailable. Local commanders greeted the plan with what a British liaison officer described as "cautious pessimism", and sporadic sniper and mortar fire still echoed across front lines in Vitez well after the noon deadline had passed. UN observers recorded 24 ceasefire violations in the town in the first two hours.

The jumble of front lines and alliances that spills through the central Bosnian mountains make Sarajevo's military delineations simple by comparison. In the Vitez pocket, an enclave of 60,000 Croats, the HVO holds out against the encircling Muslim Armija. Within the centre of the HVO power base, the town of Vitez itself, is a kernel of Muslim resistance: the 1,300 inhabitants of Stari Vitez, the old town, now a militarised ghetto, a wheel within a wheel.

The second Croat pocket, based around Kiseljak, is bordered by Serb as well as Muslim front lines. The Croats trade with the Serbs openly and rent their military hardware.

To the north, Maglaj is surrounded by Serbs. At its southern end the HVO's 111th Brigade fights alongside the Serbs against the Muslims; further on the Muslims fight together with the 110th HVO Brigade against the Serbs.

It was last year's massacre of Muslims at Ahinici by Croats from Vitez that precipitated, more than any other single action, the war in the Lasva valley last year. That April morning up to one hundred civilians died among their burning homes. So began a cycle of atrocities. The population became further polarised and the talk was no longer of Croat and Muslim but of the Ustasha and the Turks, fascism and fundamentalism.

The British remain in a position of puzzled detachment at Vitez. "I have seen no sign of any higher quality in the fighting abilities or standards of any factions here," Lieutenant Colonel Williams, commander of the Coldstream Guards, remarked recently. "Their method of warfare seems to defy any conventional logic."

As every previous British battalion has done, his men have become progressively more willing to shoot back, realising that a willingness to use force will grant them the only token of credibility they can expect. Already the battalion has begun to talk of "neutralising" targets, a euphemism usually used when further fighting is anticipated.

News of the ceasefire appears to have taken the Coldstreamers by surprise and, in the absence of a quarter of their Warrior strength, which has been deployed to Sarajevo, it is difficult to imagine how they can enforce it. It is also difficult to imagine that anything decided in Zagreb, using the premise of European logic as a negotiating basis, can unravel the chaos in these blood-soaked valleys.

"Whatever you foreigners think you understand here, you understand nothing. We live in the shadow of Ahinici," said a Croat man in Stara Bila. "Whatever deal is made, we will never be forgiven. We can only die, fight or escape. We can never live together again".



Women shopping in Sarajevo's Markale market, back in business after a mortar killed 68 people there three weeks ago

Germans vote to wrap up Reichstag

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

THE German parliament decided yesterday after a passionate debate to ignore the advice of Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and wrap itself up in shiny silver fabric. Christo, the Bulgarian-American artist, has thus achieved his longstanding ambition: to make a parcel out of the Reichstag in Berlin.

"Why not wrap up the House of Parliament in Westminster or the Capitol in Washington?" Wolfgang Schäuble, the Christian Democrat parliamentary floor leader, said in a last-ditch attempt to stop the project. "I have been impressed by Christo's work. But the Reichstag is not the Pont Neuf in Paris. It is a political symbol of our modern history that represents Germany's low and high points."

Herr Kohl nodded vigorously in agreement. But the deputies were not convinced. Voting freely, 295 approved the project, outstripping the 226 opponents.

Christo, who attended the debate in Bonn, was excited. Irrespective of the result, the artist, 58, said: "It was fabulous that for one hour in 100 years, German parliamentarians could talk about art."

It will be the first time that Christo has packaged a political building. He has set up thousands of umbrellas in Japan and California, surrounded islands with floating pink, made a parcel out of the Pont Neuf and wrapped part of the Australian coastline. But he has never attempted to cover a building with so much historical ballast. The Reichstag, burnt down shortly after Hitler's takeover in 1933, is to be remodelled into a functioning parliament for Germany by the year 2000. The chief architect will be Sir Norman Foster.

The question yesterday was whether the wrap-up in some way mocked German history. But Manfred Richter, the Free Democrat politician, said: "The wrapping will happen shortly before it becomes a giant building site, when it will anyway be covered in scaffolding."

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Russia rebuffs CIA team sent to assess Ames case damage

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

A CIA team sent to Moscow to plead for Russia's help in unravelling the new spy scandal was returning to Washington empty-handed last night.

The unprecedented high-level mission, which the CIA had tried to keep secret until the Russians blew their cover, was greeted in Moscow by a "less than co-operative attitude", American officials said. The team included officials from the CIA operations directorate which had employed Aldrich Ames, accused of being the agency's highest-ranking Soviet "mole".

The team had wanted a damage assessment from Russia's foreign intelligence service, including confirmation that at least ten Russians who had been spying for the CIA were executed after their suspected betrayal by Mr Ames. The heirs to the KGB can hardly be condemned for refusing to collaborate. They could have strengthened the CIA's largely circumstantial case against Mr Ames, and possibly exposed him to murder charges which, on the evidence revealed so far, would be difficult to prove.

The Russians are also resisting the Clinton Administration's request voluntarily to recall two intelligence agents at the Russian embassy in Washington, said to have been Mr Ames's handlers. This stubbornness could force the Americans into sterner measures reminiscent of the Cold War, of declaring the agents *persona non grata*, a move that in the past has set off tit-for-tat expulsions.

Grigori Mamedov, the Deputy Russian Foreign Minister, on a visit to Washington, said that he believed that Moscow had "developed enough trust and momentum" in its relationship with the United States to overcome damage done by the Ames affair. Moscow has stuck to its initial response, accusing Washington of whipping up a spy mania. Tass continued to pour scorn on the American position yesterday, talking of the "excessive efforts of the American Administration to politicise the case".

A preliminary court hearing for Mr Ames, 52, and his wife Maria, 41, was postponed until Tuesday at their request to allow more time for preparation. Defence lawyers said Mr Ames was adamantly refusing to co-operate with the authorities, raising the prospect of a trial divulging secrets the CIA would rather keep quiet.

In Moscow, confusion continued over the fate of the amnesty for the ring leaders of last year's October uprising and the failed coup of August 1991.

Rossiskye Vesti printed a formal amnesty declaration in earlier editions yesterday, a move which should, according to Russian law, open the way to the prisoners' release. But later editions did not carry the announcement, leading to rumours that President Yeltsin had ordered the withdrawal of the statement.

New York: An American astronaut due to head into space on Thursday on the shuttle *Columbia* is being sued for harassment by a Nasa colleague (Ben Macintyre writes). Bernadette Cardenas, 35, an engineer, claims that Lieutenant Colonel *Charles "Sam" Gemar*, 38, fathered her two-year-old son and that he and his wife have stalked and harassed her since the child was born. The case is believed to be the first in which an accused individual will be in orbit while litigation is pending on Earth.



Cuban exiles protesting on Capitol Hill over calls to end a 31-year trade embargo

US Cubans say trade embargo must stay

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN WASHINGTON

MORE than 1,000 Cuban-Americans from all over the United States demonstrated outside Congress against a proposal to lift the 31-year American trade embargo against Cuba.

Modesto Castaner, head of Cuban Unity, told the 1,300 demonstrators on Thursday that far from ushering in democracy and freedom in Cuba, lifting the embargo would "strengthen and prolong the cruellest tyranny in the New World". Two senators, ten other congressmen and several former Cuban political prisoners told the crowd that keeping pressure on Cuba was the only way to bring about the President Castro's downfall.

A Bill calling off the embargo, sponsored by Charles Rangel, a Democrat for New York in the House of Representatives, will be up for discussion next month in the House. Moves for the Cuban embargo to be lifted have intensified following Washington's decision on February 2 to restore trade ties with Vietnam.

☐ Brussels: Eight Cubans who occupied the Belgian embassy in Havana for a month in an attempt to emigrate have left the building after Cuba vowed not to prosecute them.



Midler: court clears her

Sting in the tale for film moguls

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE makers of *A Few Good Men*, the 1992 Jack Nicholson film about US Marines charged with murdering a recruit, have joined the swelling ranks of Hollywood producers facing costly legal action for allegedly exploiting other people's stories.

A $10 million (£6.75 million) suit filed against Castle Rock Entertainment has brought home to a jittery film industry the hazards of making films inspired by real life in the world's most litigious society. Other films of disputed parentage include *Coming to America*, which starred Eddie Murphy, Bette Midler's *For The Boys*, and the Oscar-nominated Aids film *Philadelphia*. A judge this week threw out the suit against Midler, saying that the film was not based on the life of Martha Raye who entertained US soldiers in the Second World War, Korea and Vietnam.

The case of *A Few Good Men* concerns some embittered former Marines court martialled for a "hazing" as seen in the film. As in celluloid, it took place on a US base in Guantanamo Bay in Cuba in 1986, and the victim was a fellow soldier who had broken an unwritten code of loyalty. The film and the event share such details as the stuffing of a petrol-soaked rag down the victim's throat.

The Marines claim the screenplay, and an earlier stage play by Aaron Sorkin, were based on their story, and that Mr Sorkin came to hear of it through his sister, who defended one of them in the court martial. They are now claiming $10 million damages on the ground that permission was required, but never given, for the story to be filmed, with the added grievance that the victim dies in the film though he did not in real life.

An executive with Castle Rock refused to comment on the suit except to say it "is without merit". He added: "There does seem to be a superabundance of lawyers in this town."

House of Windsor woos US shoppers with royal warrant



Henry II: issued the first royal warrants in 1155

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

SELECTED Americans will be able to buy a personal slice of British royalty next week with the launch of *The House of Windsor Catalogue*, a glossy 38-page mail-order brochure offering the opportunity to turn a little house on the prairie into Windsor Castle with a few knick-knacks bearing the royal warrant.

Catering to the enduring Anglophilia of many Americans and finally proving that we are, after all, a nation of shopkeepers, the joint Anglo-American venture is the first to market merchandise by royal warrant holders with the approval of Buckingham Palace and the Royal Warrant Holders' Association. The royal warant has become a brand name. Some 200 years ago there was a spot of unpleasantness when Americans resolutely refused to buy goods from Britain in defiance of the King, but the response is expected to be far more positive when five million American homes receive the catalogue on Monday. Among the 178 items available by mail order are the best of British clocks, earrings, enamel boxes, candlesticks and tasseled curtain-ties — oyster or terracotta and green.

A packet of coffee from the Savoy Hotel costs five dollars (£3.40). Wine goblets engraved by Andrew Lawson Johnston, the Queen's engraver, with Ovid's motto "Wine gives Courage and Makes Men Apt for Passion", cost $30 (about £20) each. The Memphis-based company behind the venture, the Eclectic American Catalogue Company, has made no secret of its sales pitch: if it is good enough for the royals, it is good enough for you. "These will appeal to people looking for a subdued and elegant lifestyle," said Brad Larschan, head of the company.

The first royal warrant was issued by Henry II in 1155. Holders are deemed to be the best British manufacturers in a given field who have supplied goods to the Queen, the Queen Mother, the Duke of Edinburgh of the Prince of Wales for at least three years. Some 150 out of a total of 900 companies with royal warrants are included in the first catalogue. If the project proves successful, similar catalogues may be launched in Canada, Germany and Japan.

As the unpaid chairman of the company's advisory board, Prince Michael of Kent has actively promoted the venture in the United States to underline the royal family's efforts to boost international sales of goods produced in Britain.

The mailing list for the catalogue was compiled from lists of Americans expected to have warm feelings for the mother country: owners of Jaguars and Aston Martins and those who subscribe to Anglophile magazines such as *Victoria* and *British Heritage*. Many American manufacturers, from Marlboro to Victoria's Secret, already use crests to give their products a touch of class. Mr Larschan argues, however, that the fire at Windsor Castle has given The Windsor Collection all-important brand-name recognition in America.

Callers to the company's free telephone number in Memphis are greeted by Frankie, who has an accent like Dolly Parton. She particularly recommends the tea from Darville & Son: $7.50 a packet or $20 for a gift-wrapped set of three teas.

"You gonna hirv that," she drawls.

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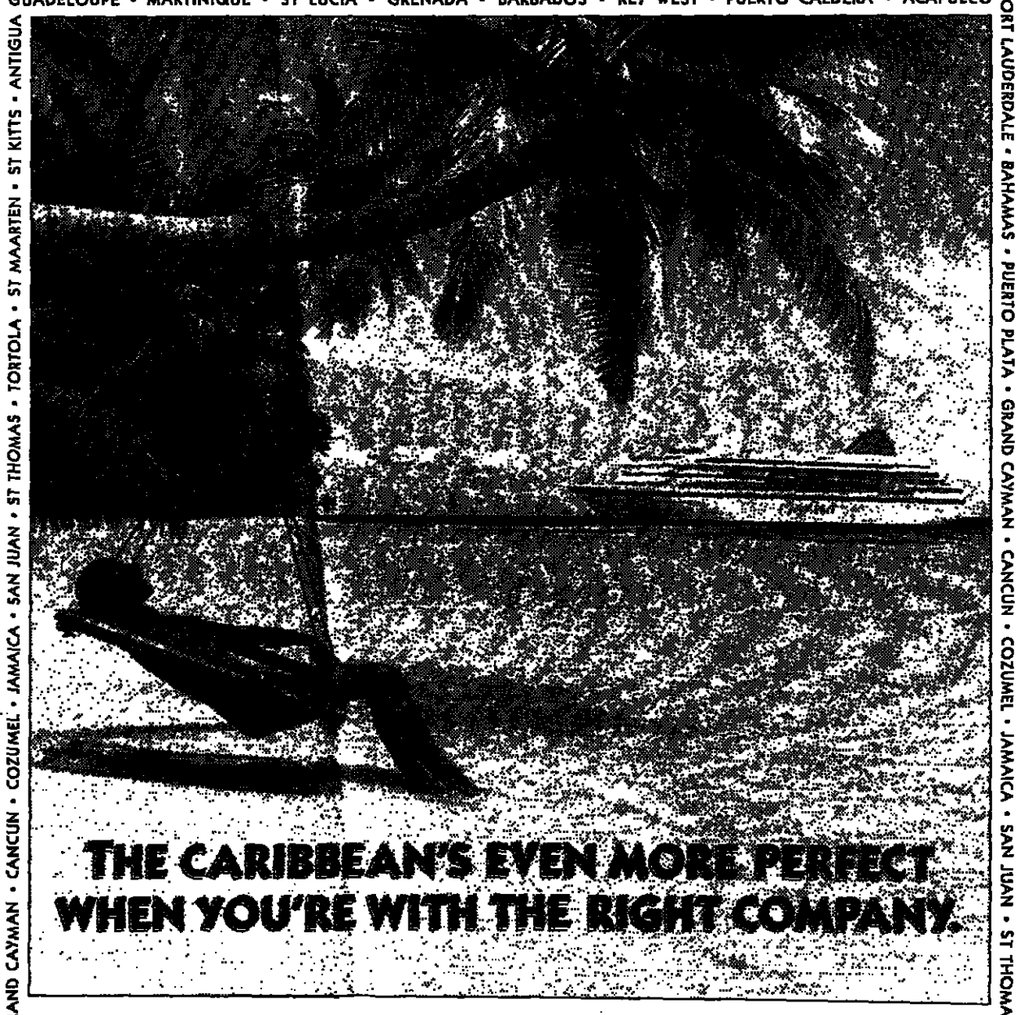
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Şevki Akinci, 16 years old, a Kurdish shepherd boy, was literally grilled by Turkish gendarmes.

How the hell do they get away with it?

This boy, Şevki Akinci, was 16 years old when Turkish troops came to his village looking for guns.

The villagers said they had no guns, so the soldiers shot their animals, destroyed their food stocks and wrecked their homes.

They tied a blindfold on Şevki, beat him, and dragged him out of the village.

Then they lit a fire - and waited. They knew that it's only when the flames die down that embers grow hot enough to grill meat - the same principle as a barbecue.

The meat they grilled was Şevki. The soldiers stripped him and pressed his back down onto the live coals. Five or six times they lifted him up and plunged him down again. Then, thinking he was dead, they chucked his body into a wood.

Şevki's back, arms and legs were so savagely burned that he had to be flown for treatment to Ankara - about 1,000 kilometres away.

As this child arrived in his country's capital, it was preparing to welcome foreign visitors to a function to commemorate 'International Children's Day'.

The Turkey foreigners don't see

Every year millions of foreigners visit Turkey, lured by 8,000 kilometres of 'seductive' coastline, white sand beaches, romantic ruins and excellent food.

The Turkish government is keen to show them a smiling face:

"'Come, let's know each other,
Let's make things easy,
Let's love, let's be loved,
This world will remain to no-one.'

Love and tolerance, summarized in these lines by famous Turkish poet Yunus Emre, fill and move the hearts of our people."

For many, the truth is less poetic.

A brutal and dirty war is being fought in south-eastern Turkey between the Turkish police and army on the one hand, and Kurdish separatist guerillas on the other.

Both sides have carried out massacres. Both have intimidated, tortured and murdered.

Thousands of innocent people have been caught, often literally, in the cross-fire.

Ordeal of a pregnant woman.

Nazli Top, a 23 year old nurse at Bakirkoy Mental Hospital, left work at 5 o'clock one evening more tired than usual because she was three months pregnant.

She was surprised when the police stopped her in the street, more so when they began punching her about the head and stomach.

They told her she fitted the description of someone who had shot at a police minibus eight hours earlier.

Nazli told them that she was innocent - and pregnant. But she was taken to Istanbul Police HQ, to a room called the "Operating Theatre". There she was stripped to her underwear and... but let Nazli speak for herself:

"They tied my arms behind me with a thick cloth and hung me up. They gave me electric shocks through my fingers and toes, and then through my nipples and sexual organs. They punched me all over with fists, but especially in my stomach, breasts and belly. Sometimes they hit me with a bar that had sharp corners. They raped me with a truncheon, and they tried to rape me with a bottle. In particular they groped my stomach and said, `Pregnant, are you?' and then they punched me there."

When she asked to see a lawyer they said: 'The law is on our side. We can do what we like to you - if we like we can kill you and throw your body in some cemetery. We are accountable to nobody.'

After ten days, they let her go.

Death of a three year old girl.

About a year ago, Turkish security forces came to the remote village of Ormaniçi. They claimed that a villager opened fire on them, killing a soldier.

But the villagers say the soldiers opened fire on the houses at random, drove the people out and threw in hand grenades.

Three year old Abide Ekin was killed by a hand grenade as she huddled with her mother in a basement.

Later that day, most of the male villagers were tied together, blindfolded and marched several kilometres to a place where, for twelve days, they were kept in sub-zero temperatures without shoes or warm clothing.

They were stripped naked for interrogation and subjected to tortures which included being hosed with ice cold water and anally raped with truncheons and bottles.

Who gives a damn?

In the last 18 months, Amnesty has issued 'urgent action' alerts on behalf of hundreds of victims of the 'torture-first-ask-questions-later' approach of the Turkish security forces.

Each 'urgent action' triggers a flood of telegrams, faxes and letters to the Turkish authorities calling for proper treatment of the victim and for the rule of law to be upheld.

We copy these alerts to British politicians and send reports to the media.

But how often have you heard a politician speaking up for the hundreds of people who are brutally tortured in Turkish police stations each month?

How many newspaper stories have you seen about the dozens who have 'disappeared', never to be seen again?

Why does it seem that people don't care?

At Amnesty, we confront this question every day of our lives.

Perhaps you can tell us.

What would you do?

What would you do if you could meet the man whose job it is to control the Turkish gendarmerie?

What would you say to the boss of the police who claimed they were accountable to nobody, while raping a pregnant woman with a truncheon?

How would you greet the man whose troops blew apart tiny Abide Ekin and anally raped the men of her village with truncheons and bottles?

As you read this, General Aydin Ilter, chief of Turkey's gendarmerie, is due to visit Britain.

Naturally, he will receive V.I.P. treatment. General Ilter has an appointment at the Ministry of Defence. What for? If he's here to buy weapons, will our Government stop to think about whether they might be used to kill children?

Or will it be as brutally honest as Alan Clark, a former Defence Minister, who said on TV that he would put jobs before moral qualms about who was buying British arms.

Only you can stop it.

How is it that despite Amnesty's reports of murder and torture, there has been so little public and official outrage?

Maybe we didn't get the message through strongly enough.

Short of using language as foul and shocking as the acts we find ourselves having to describe, how can we touch you?

Don't you realise that you can influence what happens in these faraway places?

If your sense of morality is outraged by what is happening in Turkey, then it's up to you to make your voice heard.

If governments will do nothing, then we, the people who elect them, must assume our own responsibility.

Together we must tell the politicians: 'I will not allow you to turn a blind eye.'

All our experience over thirty years shows that the horrors only stop when people like you make up your mind to end them.

The moment of truth.

Surely you can tell that this isn't just another advertising campaign asking for a few pounds.

We want much more than that.

We want you to make a decision that will not only change other people's lives, but your own.

That will transform you from being a helpless spectator, watching history unfolding remorselessly around you, to a person who can intervene and change things.

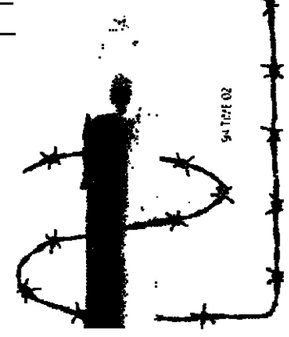
Most of all, we want you to delve into the deepest part of yourself and find out whether you really care about what happens to other people.

If you find that you do, only you can decide whether you wish to join a campaign that is working night and day to save lives and human dignity.

We've no more to say. It is time for you to make your decision.

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Ghost of Meir Kahane haunts Middle East after bloodiest single act in occupied territories

Jewish zealot vowed to end peace process

By Richard Beeston in Hebron, Ben Macintyre in New York and Our Foreign Staff

BARUKH Goldstein, the American-born Israeli who carried out yesterday's massacre of Arabs as they prayed in a Hebron mosque, was described by friends as both a "quiet kind man" and a zealot determined to stop the Israeli-PLO peace process.

Goldstein, 38, was a Brooklyn-born doctor who emigrated to Israel 11 years ago. He became a follower of Meir Kahane, the American-Israeli extremist who was murdered in New York in 1990. No one has ever been convicted for Kahane's killing. Goldstein joined the Jewish Defence League under Kahane in the 1970s. He represented Kahane's extremist Kach Party on the local council for the settlement of Kiryat Arba.

"We believe he did this in revenge for the murder of Rabbi Kahane and to protect the life of the state of Israel," said Barbara Ginsburg, a spokeswoman for Kach and an old friend of Goldstein. She yesterday hailed him as a martyr. Goldstein's body was found in the mosque after the shooting, but details of his death were not known, although he left a suicide note at the local council office.

Members of the Kahane movement called Goldstein's mass slaughter "an act of love for the Jewish people" and one primarily designed to destroy the fragile self-rule plan being forged by Israel and the PLO. It was also an act of which Kahane himself might have approved. Kahane was the nightmare of Arab-Israeli relations when he was shot down at age 58 in a New York hotel on November 7, 1990. He led a political party that wanted nothing less than the explusion of every Arab from Israel and the West Bank. Mike Guzofsky, the co-head of Kahane Chai (Kahane Lives), a US group supporting Kahane, said: "Baruch Goldstein is the quietest, sweetest guy I ever met. He is the type of guy you would look at and think he would not hurt a fly."

He added: "He felt the Arabs wanted us all dead. That's where he got his hatred. He wanted to stop the so-called peace process and save the state of Israel. He could not have picked a better day, the first day of Purim [a Jewish holiday], a day when the Jews fight back. He had a passionate love of Jews and did not want to be left at the mercy of the Arabs," said Mr Guzofsky, who said he had been a close friend of Goldstein "for years".

"All Arabs are enemies. That's the reality of the situation there. They dream of the jihad [holy war] against Jews. He was a doctor who saw that day to day," Mr Guzofsky said.

The Kahane Chai (Kahane Lives) group in Israel mourned Goldstein as a martyr and described him in a statement as "Samson in his time".

Goldstein was described by fellow West Bank settlers as a respected physician and the best emergency doctor in the area. He married an Israeli and served with distinction in the army as a doctor, rising to the rank of major. However, a succession of recent violent incidents, combined with his own extremist views, laid the groundwork for the bloodiest single act ever carried out in the Israeli occupied territories.

He decided to take action after a Jewish father and son were killed by Palestinian gunmen in December. In an interview last November, after he treated a Jewish man attacked by two Arabs, Goldstein said: "Again the Arab Nazi enemy, who strives to attack any Jew just because he is a Jew in the land of Israel, has hurt a Jew. The army doesn't do its job. It doesn't protect the Jews here and co-operates with them [the Arabs]. We are sick and tired of this and with God's help we will create the state of Judaea here and we will know how to handle them [the Arabs] ourselves."

Noam Arnon, one of the local settler leaders, recalled Goldstein as a "gentle man", who appeared to sink into a "mental crisis" because of the violence around him. "We could see that this incident took him out of his balance," said Mr Arnon, who blamed his actions on the death of 23 Israelis by Palestinians since the September 13 peace agreement signed between Israel and the PLO.

Golstein's neighbour, David Waldman, said that the father of four came round to his home on Thursday night for a drink to toast the Jewish religious holiday of Purim and that he behaved normally. "We had a small party and he came to my house. He was holding his daughter. He seemed to be the calmest person," said Mr Waldman, who blamed Goldstein's daily contact with the effects of violence for the massacre. "We hear about it on the radio. We read about it in the newspapers. He was the person always at the scene."

An acquaintance, who asked not to be named, said Goldstein had refused to treat wounded Arabs while serving as an army doctor during Israel's invasion of Lebanon in the early 1980s. He quoted Goldstein as once saying he had joined the Israeli army "to help secure Israel and to kill Arabs". As Arab worshippers knelt in prayer at dawn in the Cave of the Patriarchs, a holy site for Muslims and Jews alike, the bearded Goldstein slipped inside with an automatic rifle and started firing. The floor of the mosque ran red with blood. Goldstein, clad in an army uniform, lay dead, too. Witnesses said enraged Arabs jumped on him and tried to strangle him. The last attack by an American on Arabs in Israeli-held territory took place in 1982 when Alan Goodman shot and killed two Arabs outside the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, sparking several days of violent riots.

Israel Radio said Goldstein wrote in his suicide to the Kiryat Arba council: "I very much enjoyed working with you. May God help you continue serving this holy community faithfully. With love of Israel, Barukh Goldstein."

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Barukh Goldstein, the Israeli doctor who was responsible for the massacre in the Hebron mosque yesterday, treating an Israeli soldier in an ambulance in October 1992. He emigrated from New York 11 years ago

British tourist stabbed

An elderly British tourist was stabbed twice in the shoulder by a Palestinian in Jordan yesterday, apparently in retaliation for the massacre of Palestinians in a West Bank mosque (Michael Theodoulou writes).

Howard Long, 77, from Purley in Surrey, was last night in stable condition in a military hospital in Amman. He was attacked as he was getting into a taxi with his wife, Barbara, 74, in the capital's bustling Hasshemiyeh Square.

"I saw a big man brandishing a big knife approaching us," Mrs Long said. "He knocked me aside and stabbed my husband in the right shoulder. As I got up, he pushed me again to the ground and stabbed my husband again."

Khalid Hosni al-Qirsh, 25, a Jordanian from Hebron, was arrested shortly afterwards. "The attacker was looking for just any Westerner," a British diplomat said.

Shooting provokes calls for death of Arafat

By Christopher Walker
Middle East Correspondent

THE peace process between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation will face its most severe test when talks resume in Washington after of one of the worst massacres in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Also at stake will be Yassir Arafat's position as the man considered best able to unite Palestinians to accept any deal. Yesterday, many angrily demanded his death and one former commander in his Fatah faction of the PLO called on the 64-year-old leader to commit suicide.

"It is hard to imagine how Arafat could ever again shake the hand of (Yitzhak) Rabin which is now covered in so much of our people's innocent blood," said one PLO official who, like Arabs of every political hue, was stunned that such a killing could take place in a mosque during the holy month of Ramadan.

In an early attempt to shore up the five-month-old accord between Israel and the PLO, Mr Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, was quick to telephone Mr Arafat in Tunis to express his regrets. But the gesture was rudely snubbed by the PLO, which is aware that its own credibility among the two million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip is on the line as never before. "What happened at Hebron is the last nail in the coffin for the Oslo accord," said Gibril Jajub, Mr Arafat's adviser for the occupied territories.

Fears grew among Western security experts last night that Palestinian radicals will react to the massacre by launching a wave of terrorism, including hijacking aircraft in both Europe and the Middle East. Diplomatic sources said this was the reason why the American government was so quick to caution its nationals about travelling in both regions. Other Western nationals are also seen as being at risk of retaliation because of the emotion the incident has caused. Diplomats in the Jordanian capital Amman were checking whether the stabbing of a British tourist, 77, was related to the Hebron shooting.

Islamic Palestinian groups said they would have no compunction in hitting at Israeli civilian targets in revenge and security was stepped up at all Israeli properties around the world. The Iranian government was expected to capitalise on the massacre by increasing its support for militant Islamic groups attempting to overthrow pro-Western regimes in countries such as Algeria, Egypt and Tunisia. Arab diplomats said it was hoped that the Hebron murders would jolt the international conscience to what one described as "the menace of the settlers", in the way that the recent massacre of 68 people in a Sarajevo market did over Bosnia.

Cassandras were swift to note that two previous massacres in Hebron, one of 64 Jews in August, 1929, and the other of six Jewish Yeshiva (Talmudic School) students on May 2, 1980, both had significant long-term effect in hardening feelings on either side.

'The blood of Muslims is cheap, as you can see'

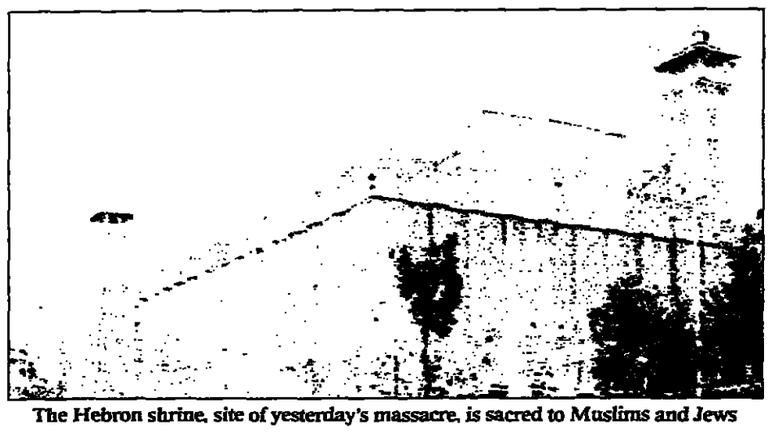
By Richard Beeston

THE British-trained doctor watched the street battles outside his hospital and surveyed the smoke from burning tyres billowing over this biblical townbefore likening its fate to that of Sarajevo.

"They want us to submit to them and if we don't, we have the choice to fight or die," said Abdel Nabi, formerly a trainee in Birmingham but now another recruit to the cause of the Palestinian radicals. "Muslim blood is cheap, as you can see."

His comparison with the besieged Bosnian capital may have been a numerical exaggeration. But as yesterday's massacre in Hebron and the violent aftermath proved, this town, more than any other in the Holy Land, has the potential to plunge Arabs and Jews back into their decades-old conflict.

Even before the extremist settler, Barukh Goldstein, began to fire into the crowd of Muslim worshippers at the Ibrahim mosque, Hebron's dusty streets and crowded markets, set in the rolling hills of the Judaean desert, had been earmarked for trouble by a history steeped in religion and blood. At the heart of the battle for Hebron is the imposing Herodian shrine known as the Tomb of the Patriarchs which is sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians. Legend has it that the Old Testament prophets Abraham and his wife Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca and Jacob and Leah, are buried here.



The Hebron shrine, site of yesterday's massacre, is sacred to Muslims and Jews

Although the shrine has fallen into numerous hands over the centuries, from Byzantines to Crusaders and Mamelukes, the battle, as yesterday's massacre showed, has still not been settled. The bloody conflict between Arab and Jew erupted earlier this century when 67 Jews were killed in 1929 during an uprising by Arabs against British colonial rule in Palestine.

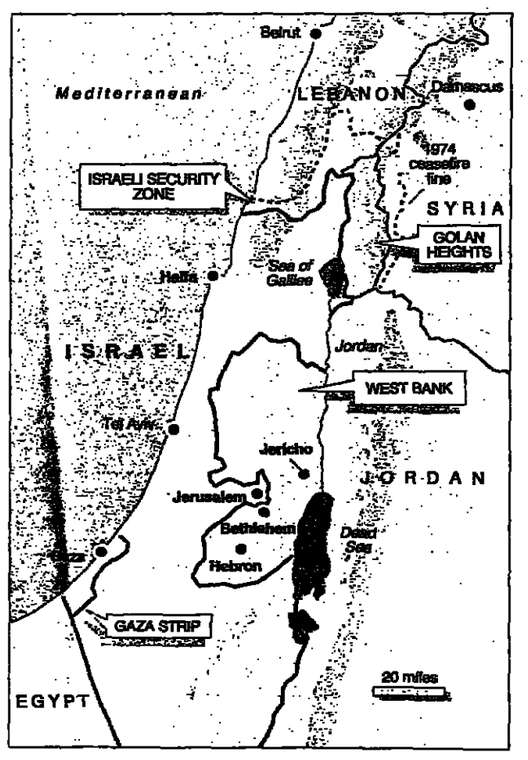
After Israel's capture of the West Bank in the 1967 Six-Day War, Hebron became the first big flashpoint in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict when Jewish settlers established their first community there. In 1980, six Jews were killed and 16 wounded by Palestinian gunmen. Three years later the Jews hit back, launching a spate of revenge attacks, including a gun and grenade ambush on the campus of Hebron University, which left three Arab students dead and 33 injured.

The town's bloody legacy continued after Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation signed the peace accord in Washington last September. That sparked off a series of tit-for-tat actions and prompted Hebron's military commander, only identified as Lieutenant Colonel "M", to predict civil war between the 90,000 Palestinians and 6,000 Jews.

It is not clear how the Israelis and Palestinians can halt the blood-letting and begin to reconcile the two communities, who according to the current peace agreement are destined to share the same city for at least the coming years.

There was little indication yesterday that either side was prepared to display any restraint, as Palestinian youths chanted "Death to Jews" while fighting running street battles with Israeli soldiers, who showed little hesitation in firing into the crowds.

For the Jewish settler community, the initial shock of the massacre quickly gave way to widespread indifference as heavily armed Jewish vigilantes once again began patrolling the streets and children dressed up in costumes for the Jewish festival of Purim. "If you ask me," one young Jewish mother said, "it is a pity we only killed 40, it should have been 500." She was accompanying her children to a fancy dress party.



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Rebels tighten stranglehold on shattered Kabul

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JALALABAD

■ Half of the city's population has fled since rebels launched a new offensive against the Afghan government last month. Almost nothing remains to support those left behind

FOOD is running out in Kabul, the shattered Afghan capital, eight weeks after anti-government forces blockaded two key roads to the north and east. A United Nations food convoy has been turned back.

Almost half of the population has fled since a two-year battle for control of the city recommenced on January 1 with air, artillery and rocket attacks. More than 1,000 people have died. Two thousand a day continue to flee, creating a refugee crisis that threatens to overwhelm international aid agencies.

Save for two small Red Cross hospitals, almost nothing remains to support those left behind: no piped water, electricity, schools, industry or farms, almost no fuel and no effective government. Food, it seems, is the next target.

Jeremy Hartley, head of the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, said 120,000 people were living in refugee camps set up since fighting resumed. "I believe an attempt is being made to starve out the government in Kabul," he added. "They want to strangle it."

Terry Pitzner, head of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Jalalabad, agreed. "This is a forgotten war," he said. "Casualties here are higher than in Bosnia but the world is not paying attention."

The Salang Highway, which brought vital supplies to Kabul from the northern hinterland and central Asia, has been sealed off by Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord of northern Afghanistan. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the Pashtun leader, has cut off the eastern route to the Pakistan border. The two former enemies have joined forces to topple the government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani, a Tajik.

Mr Hekmatyar has told the UN that he would not allow free distribution of food in case it was seized by the government to feed its troops. While famine is not a foreseeable danger malnutrition is spreading. The UN says 18 per cent of children reaching refugee camps are malnourished.

Refugees in camps near Jalalabad are surviving principally on donations of wheat flour from international agencies. Tents are in short supply, despite diversion of a large UN consignment destined for Mozambique. More than 1,000 mines have been cleared so far in the immediate area. Mine education classes have started, particularly for children. Red flags and red-painted rocks mark uncleared areas.

The *shura* (tribal council) of Nangahar Province, where the camps are located, has asked the UN to plan relief operations on the assumption that they will be needed for up to two years. The UN would prefer to settle the refugees in communities but practically every house still standing in the war zone is crowded with as many as a dozen families. Wheat prices in Kabul have risen at least 30 per cent in two months and the price of other products has quadrupled.

The warring factions have observed a ceasefire for several days, allowing people to flee. The city, which had a population of two million before war broke out 15 years ago, has barely 250,000 people left. Afghanistan has horrifying war statistics: 25 per cent of women are widowed; there are 500,000 disabled people; 2.5 million people are "internally displaced"; three million live in Iran and Pakistan; four million children have died of starvation in 15 years and 1.5 million people have been killed. Afghanistan's original population was 15 million.



UN troops used child prostitutes

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations has sent home some members of its peacekeeping force in Mozambique after an investigation confirmed that they had paid for sex with child prostitutes as young as 12 years. He declined to specify the nationalities of those involved.

Behrooz Sadry, the UN deputy special representative in Mozambique, who led the enquiry after the alarm was raised by Save the Children, said that prostitution had "increased perceptibly" after the arrival of the 6,000-strong UN force to police a peace accord and that some UN personnel had used child prostitutes. Although initial reports focused on Italian peacekeepers, the Italian UN official in overall charge said other nationalities had also been involved. Bangladesh, Botswana, Uruguay and Zambia also contribute to the force.

Mr Sadry said his team visited five cities — Nampula in the north, Beira and Chimoio, and Inhambane and Maputo in the south. He reported: "The investigation team found no evidence of any homosexual sex involving [UN] personnel and Mozambican boys."



Nosipo Pike, four, looks up as Nelson Mandela places a hand on his shoulder at a school near Kimberley yesterday. The ANC leader is touring the Northern Cape

Pretoria to hold urgent talks with Zulu chiefs

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE South African government is to hold urgent talks today with conservative Zulu leaders to persuade them to end their boycott of multi-racial elections in April.

Danie Schutte, the Home Affairs Minister, will meet Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, and King Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulus in Ulundi, the KwaZulu homeland capital.

Niel du Bois, the home affairs spokesman, said: "A possible breakthrough is definitely in the offing. The government will do anything in its power to get the Inkatha to take part in the election." A new government proposal provides for special security and status for King Zwelithini, who has demanded self-rule for the nine-million strong Zulu tribe in post-apartheid South Africa.

Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, and President de Klerk, of the National Party, continued their election campaigning yesterday, both warning their supporters not to interfere with the rallies of their political opponents. Mr Mandela, on tour in the Northern Cape, said disruption might lead to violence.

In Eastern Transvaal, hope was fading last night for 13 coal miners trapped underground for two days after a fire that swept the Koornfontein mine. Six bodies were recovered yesterday after 17 men were rescued from their ordeal 600 ft below ground. The survivors were brought to safety by rescuers who found them huddled together in an emergency bay.

At Virginia, in the Orange Free State, the toll in the mudslide that followed a breach in the wall of a gold mine dam remained at 13, although the number of those missing has dropped to 41 after half of those initially listed were traced. Eighty houses were demolished by the fast-moving sludge and another 200 were severely damaged. More than 100 cars were washed away by the mud, an acidic mixture of water, rock and cyanide.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Seoul seeks summit on unification

Seoul: President Kim Young Sam of South Korea said yesterday he was willing to meet his North Korean counterpart, President Kim Il Sung, to try to break the deadlock over the North's nuclear programme and to promote reunification of the Korean peninsula.

In a news conference to mark his first anniversary in power, he expressed confidence that the two states would be able to arrange a summit. The two Presidents have never met. In the past, Seoul has insisted that such a summit could only take place once the nuclear issue had been resolved.

Contras give up

Caulatu: The last of Nicaragua's Contra rebels have agreed to disarm and were granted an amnesty. The accord, reached in this town north of Managua, will seek to incorporate the rebels into the police force. *(Reuter)*

Kashmir arrests

Srinagar: Indian forces captured two officials of the Hizbul Mujahidin group fighting for independence in Kashmir from a hospital. A protest strike against Indian troops' behaviour closed shops for the fifth day. *(AP)*

Separate lives

Peking: China will take legal action to separate young couples who live together before the official marriageable age of 22 for men and 20 for women. The authorities hope the move will tighten population control. *(Reuter)*

Asian drive

Hobart: Australia has launched a 12-year campaign to make 60 per cent of school students learn Asian languages as part of its drive for regional integration. Priority has been given to Japanese, Mandarin, and Indonesian. *(Reuter)*

Hunt for MIAs

Hanoi: About 80 US military experts are to fly to the Vietnamese capital and Ho Chi Minh City for a 25-day investigation in the largest operation since the Vietnam war to recover remains of Americans missing in action. *(Reuter)*

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The homosexual lobby argued its case feebly in the Commons, and was even more poorly opposed, writes **Matthew Parris**

How we won the debate by default

Monday night's debate on the age of homosexual consent was a disgrace. "He would say that, wouldn't he, because his side lost!" you think. But you misunderstand. The result was magnificent. To my amazement, we almost won. We are now set to achieve an equal age of consent soon after the next election, whoever wins it. Hindsight will recognise February 21 and those incredible 280 votes, as the decisive leap. I have no problem with Monday's arithmetic.

What was disgraceful was the quality of the argument. My side was allowed to get away with murder. The moral conservatives may have narrowly prevailed in the division lobbies, but their case was an intellectual shambles.

It does not need to be. Some of the most powerful arguments in history can be ranged against moral liberalism, arguments which resonate through the ages. Moral conservatism is a fine philosophical tradition with a proud history. To see it defended on Monday by a band of Tory screwballs and Labour deadbeats, incapable even of understanding their own argument, let alone articulating it, should be a matter of shame to all who value moral reasoning.

The debate in the press has been little better. We reformers have been allowed to make a series of bald assertions, never intelligently challenged as they ought to be. All through this debate I have been itching to make the case against my own position — there being, apparently, nobody on the Right capable of doing it properly. Only Janet Daley, in these columns, has raised arguments which even need a reply. If I had a son I would advise him to become a reactionary columnist: there is an unfilled niche at the intelligent end of the market.

Is there nobody out there, nobody in English jurisprudence, nobody in the press, nobody in the universities, nobody in the Church, willing to take us on in serious debate? Nobody but the cracked Conservative Family Campaign: nobody but Piers Paul Read with his mixture of concealed Roman Catholic theology and remarks about sending homosexual bulls to the knackers'; nobody but Paul Johnson maundering away about buggers; nobody but Ian Paisley and his call to Christian manhood; nobody prepared to do more than what Tristan Garel Jones called "take a warm bath in their own prejudices"; nobody with any kind of an argument beyond insult or religious revelation to take us on?

We should have been taken to the cleaners for our outrageous hijacking of the concept of "equality" — as though it added to the argument for our cause. But there can be no assumption of equality without an underlying assumption of moral equivalence. There is no equality for incest or for bestiality, because we judge these practices to be evils.

The gay lobby should be obliged to make the argument openly for moral equivalence. This must precede claims for equality. We were allowed to talk as though "equality" were in itself some kind of an abstract good, and an argument for moral equivalence!

We should have been fiercely challenged on our generalised appeals to "tolerance". The whole purpose of the criminal law must be an intolerant one. We discourage or prohibit practices we consider to some degree intolerable. Again, the moral defence of the act itself must come first. "Tolerance" is not an extra reason for allowing something, but the name we give to the act of allowing it. "This should be permitted in the name of tolerance" is circular.

The Home Secretary's shabby and floundering speech was rightly criticised for reliance on a 13-year-old report. But the gay lobby's argument has often rested, philosophically, on a 40-year-old report, Wolfenden, and a 150-year-old doctrine: John Stuart Mill's. Wolfenden began his report by quoting Mill's assertion that there is a province of private consensual behaviour, in which no harm is done to others, which is not the law's business.

Even when he wrote it, as Mill himself recognised, that was a pretty flimsy argument. No man is an island, and what we now believe about human psychology must convince us that no man is even a peninsula. There are ultimately no "private" acts. Everything we think, everything we say and do, however privately, shapes and influences us, our families and friends, and so touches the world outside. It is just fatuous to pretend that if a great many men are unashamedly making love to other men, however privately, that is without impact on the whole of society, including those who want nothing to do with it.

Whether you call that impact "harm" depends on the moral view you take of the behaviour. Homosexuals cannot carry on ducking this and murmuring about privacy, and minding one's own business. There is no privacy for the heroin addict. Again I say: we are obliged to assert that what we do is moral. We cannot hide behind a plea to be left alone.

Finally, we should have been challenged on our dogmatic insistence that sexuality is unalterable. We would say that, wouldn't we? But is it true? There are many men whose homosexuality is unalterable, and many whose heterosexuality is utterly fixed. But many, perhaps most men are, I believe, to some degree bisexual: that is to say susceptible to the attraction of both the opposite and their own sex. It seems to me at least possible that such men are capable of some degree of choice; that they may be encouraged one way or the other; and that habit may play a part in rooting one or the other practice in their lives. In short, I do believe that homosexuality — or heterosexuality — can be "promoted". I think that in a world in which no stigma or penalty attached to being gay, many more men would discover a part of themselves which is now hidden, even from themselves.

I realise that in writing this I will be accused of playing into the hands of the forces of moral reaction. But they have a better argument than they know. When gay men acknowledge that — stop whimpering that we can't help it, or that we just want to be left alone, or that everyone should feel sorry for us because of Aids, and lift up our heads and answer properly, as we must, with an honest assertion of the essential goodness of our own sexuality — then we will find we have a better argument than we know, too.

David Watts traces the Malaysian trade sanctions back to a family misfortune before independence

A slight case of colonial pique

Britain's troubles with Malaysia — above all, with its mercurial Prime Minister — stem from a colonial bureaucratic decision which seemed unremarkable to its British masters at the time, but which had undreamed of consequences years later.

It was an incident which the British no doubt barely registered — but which one native son never forgot, nor forgave. Perhaps the decision was made at the end of one of those mercilessly hot tropical weeks which made the Kuala Lumpur sun all but unbearable for some colonial officials. Perhaps brains became numb as the ceiling fans slowly stirred the fetid midday air and district commissioners thought only of a stiff gin and tonic and the evening comforts of the club. At any event, with the stroke of a pen, Mohamed Iskandar, a bright, capable Indian-born teacher in the northern state of Kedah, was unaccountably passed over for promotion.

As fate would have it, this obscure teacher was the father of the man who years later was to be Malaysia's hot-tempered leader: Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamed. The British official who so casually signed the damning document was probably only carrying out the wishes of the Sultan of Kedah, but the slight became seared into the family's consciousness. Mohamed Iskander pursued his teaching career in another state, but never with much success. The British, in the eyes of the young Mahathir, were to blame for the decline of the family fortunes.



Mahathir: a secret admirer of Thatcherism

It was one of a thousand minor slights which sprang from the almost unthinking British exploitation of the soft, kind and refined Malays, whose temperament emulates the lush warmth of the climate. Yet the gentle Malays have another side to their character. They gave us the word *amok* — a reflection of the fact that English has no adequate word to describe the sheer passion and murderous frenzy of which Malays are suddenly capable when provoked.

For a determined young man in a state which discriminated in favour of those with royal patronage, the snub was later doubly wounding: Mahathir was himself passed over for a scholarship to study in Britain because of his father's perceived "problem". His mixed-race ancestry — his father was Indian — may have led him in later life to emphasise his Malay credentials, just as in Britain Michael Portillo is said to beat the patriotic drum because his father is Spanish.

Dr Mahathir went on to qualify as a doctor anyway, in spite of the colonial government's lack of regard for him. That was to have a painful echo in 1979 when Margaret Thatcher's government came to power and ended its financial help for young Malays studying in Britain. That might not have been so traumatic for Dr Mahathir, then Deputy Prime Minister, and his countrymen had British firms been as generous with funding, promotion and other opportunities for local staff as their American and European counterparts, or had British diplomacy been represented by a later generation of less stiff-backed high commissioners.

But in practice the result was the political equivalent of running *amok*: the Buy British Last policy. It came at a time when Dr Mahathir was already looking east to Tokyo for help with his plans to industrialise the country so that Malaysia might keep pace with its close regional rival: Chinese-ruled Singapore. Since then Dr Mahathir has spent many of his holidays in Japan, as well as being a frequent visitor to see his daughter, who is married to a Japanese. But the Malaysian Prime Minister is but one of many Asian suitors for Japanese favours, and if part of his make-up is a love-hate relationship with Britain, the same might be said of his relations with Tokyo.

Struggling with the disparate nature of multi-ethnic Malaysia and trying to make the Malays truly engage themselves in the economic future of the country, rather than being content to pick mangos and papayas off the trees, he had, in fact, conceived an admiration for Mrs Thatcher. Here was a woman with whom he could do business. Her handling of the miners' strike impressed him for a variety of reasons going beyond the smack of firm government.

In the 1970s, representatives of the British trade union movement were active in Malaysia, encouraging locals to make the kinds of demands of management that were to attract the attention of Mrs Thatcher at home.

Dr Mahathir saw the British "brothers" as deliberately helping to inflate Malaysian wages to the point at which they would be uncompetitive with Britain, a subtle new colonialism.

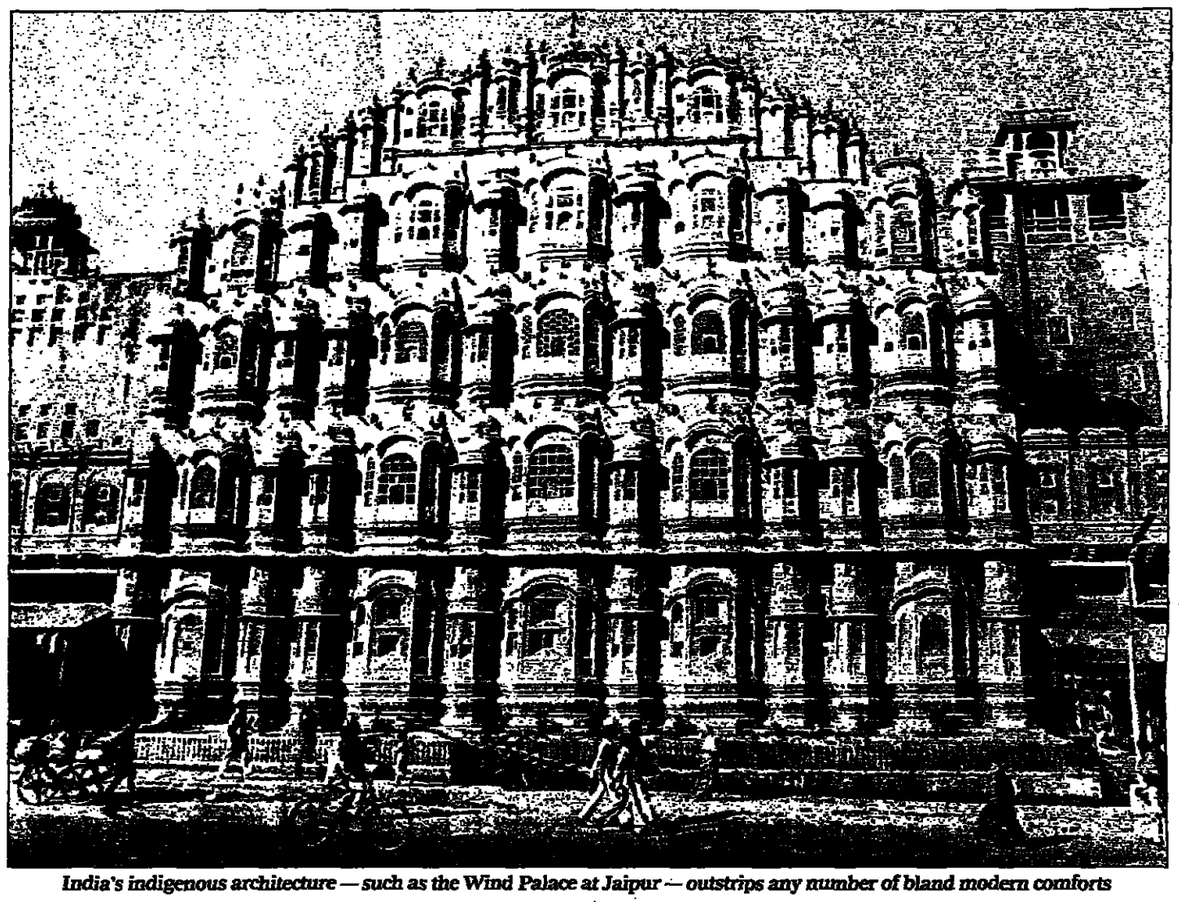
Unfortunately, the straight-talking Mrs Thatcher first sent emissaries of a quite different stripe to try to sort out the difficulties over the funding of Malaysian students. The first was John Nott, whose audience with Dr Mahathir was notably brief. Next came Lord Carrington, who did not last much longer, being little more, in Malaysian eyes, than an updated version of the colonial official whose effortless arrogance and condescension had so slighted Dr Mahathir's family in the 1940s. Had more suitable envoys been dispatched, the six-year freeze on British trade in the 1980s might have thawed considerably sooner than it did.

Today, Dr Mahathir knows well that if Britain expects its businessmen to behave like virgins in a brothel, few other countries see things quite the same way. If he chooses not to buy British Tornados, the Russians are knocking on the door with highly-capable, cut-price MiGs. He and his people have to make a living in the world's most dynamic and competitive region, where the economic, political and military might of China and Japan loom over everything.

Britain's economic fortunes in Asia are looking increasingly grim for a variety of reasons which have little do with industrial competitiveness. Relations with Japan are at a low ebb over the Honda affair. The Chinese have just decreed that there will be no further negotiations over the future of Hong Kong, allowing the French, Germans and others to take advantage of Britain's embarrassment. John Major's hopes of closer involvement with Asia are being hobbled. The argument with Dr Mahathir is one we can scarcely afford.

Is this the world's best hotel?

India's great hotels are losing their character due to crass redevelopment



India's indigenous architecture — such as the Wind Palace at Jaipur — outstrips any number of bland modern comforts

Simon Jenkins

I have returned from a hotel beyond all hotels. Here is its fantasy. You are riding a white stallion along a desert track when an oasis rises from the mirage ahead. Its trees are heavy with mango, banana, pear and plum. By a well sits a doe-eyed maiden swathed in a sari of deepest crimson. Scorning political correctness, you sweep her up onto your saddle and race towards the red mountains in the distance. Turning right at Chomu camel mart (for you are now well north of Jaipur) you enter a long valley watched over by crumbling Rajput forts. Through an ancient Moghul gate you gallop, past crowded stalls of agate, emerald and topaz, past delighted children in alleys paved with dung.

On you charge, through another two great gates, riding up now between cliffs the colour of blood. Suddenly, round a blind corner, there rises above a bastion wall a domed pavilion of the softest pink, framed by sacred banyan trees. Doors spiked against war elephants swing open. You dismount in a swirl of dust, and race up flights of steps through courtyards dripping bougainvillea. At the wave of a gold card, a mustachioed receptionist barks, "The Maharani Suite". Past ranks of bobbing turbans, you head for a shady divan by a jasmine pool. Here at last you sink into deep cushions, sipping limewater and honey as the doe-eyed maiden tends your feet.

In this hotel are no cars, no telephones, no TV remote controls. There is no unctuous welcome note and no complimentary bath gel. Parrots and swallows dart among the kiosks that crown each bastion. Monkeys prance the rooftops. The murmur of the village rises on the heat from far beneath your window. Here in this mountain cleft you are safe from the 20th century.

A good hotel is about mere comfort: it is a pretence of hospitality in a proxy for a home. A great hotel is about fantasy. It is true to its past and to its place. Its genius is to take a passing stranger out of himself, for a brief moment, and grant him a waking dream. I have known hotels that have in their day met this challenge: the old hunting lodge at Busaco in Portugal, drinking its way through a royal wine cellar; New York's sadistically Bohemian Chelsea; the demented Château de Regagnac in the Dordogne, with wild honey dribbling down the bedroom wall and crusader armour on the dinner table; the Beverly Hills, with fat agents and limp starlets draped round mobile phones; the madcap Huntsham Court in Devon, with no locks, pianos everywhere and pre-war radios in every room. These hotels are treasured originals.

But none can match the jewelled decadence of the Rawal of Samode's one-time palace in Rajasthan. Its 35 rooms, run by a descendant, are decked with faded photographs of Edwardian maharanas and dead tigers. The public rooms are rich in Moghul paintings, in frescos and enamels and mirror-encrusted alcoves. Louvred windows give onto pillared audience chambers, through which concubines could be heard but not seen. Outside, russet cliffs pulsate with heat by day and support a canopy of stars at night. On each summit is an ancient fort.

Samode is not for the Sheraton set. Its food is bad, reminiscent of an Indian army mess. I was ordered by some reborn Gunga Din to "eat up your swiss roll and custard" before being allowed a cup of tea. The wiring is eclectic, the plumbing ferocious. Ragged children loom up from shadows to offer "old moghul painting you-only-look-not-buy". A monkey ambled into my room and calmly ate an entire bunch of bananas. But there is magic in the place. This is beloved, unchanged, fragile India. I found it incomparably precious.

The secret of Samode is well enough known for its worshippers to forgive me this eulogy. For its message should be carried to every hotel in India and the world, cursed as they are by corporate designers, health and fire inspectors and tourism regulators. I had not been to India for a decade. This country, by virtue of its size, wealth and imperial status, has been home to the most majestic hostelries: J.N. Tata's vast Edwardian Taj on Appollo Bunder in Bombay, the Grand on Calcutta's Chowringhee, the Rambagh in Jaipur. In the past ten years, the Taj and Oberoi groups have bowed to the gods of world tourism and stripped their interiors of all but cosmetic Indianness.

I cannot argue with their commercial judgment. Indeed, some of the Taj group's conversions — the West End in Bangalore, or Udaipur's gloriously vulgar Lake Palace — are superb. But they are neither my India nor, I believe, India's India. They are a capitulation to what was once called Hilton imperialism, the tyranny of the iced-water tap. Tourists may still see this far-off land through the windows of their luxury coach, but at the day's end they want to unpack from their luggage that familiar capsule, the universal L-shaped room, twin-bedded, mini-bathroomed, Gideon-bibled, hair-dryered and bedside-remote-controlled, with coffee shop attached.

Yes, I know British writers have patronised India's flirtation with Western style ever since tweedy maharajahs chortled, "I say, by Jove, what ho". Indians can do with their country what they like. But they cannot stop me weeping as they gut their lovely buildings, wreck the palaces of Calcutta and Madras and demolish the bungalows of Delhi and Bangalore. I can groan as another Swiss or Italian designer is flown in to "internationalise" another grand hotel. I can even smile when a subversive lettuce cracks the defences of "our world renowned cooks in kitchens inspected daily" and depth-charges an alien intestine to prove there is still life in the mighty Indian microbe.

I can also point out that to a tourist, on whom the Indians are pinning much faith, modern, charmless India will have little appeal. Its crowded cities are growing richer, busier, noiser, more polluted. The government and tourist interests are pouring money into modern hotels, roads and airports. But tourists do not come to see modern hotels, roads or airports. They come to experience the past, to view old buildings and their settings. Destroy these magnets and any number of five-star hotels will not compensate. Sun and modernity can be had elsewhere, and without the numbing poverty of India. I need not go to India to watch cable TV, sit on a beach or eat a club sandwich.

But such things are still unknown in Samode. The palace lives on. And if the Rajput beacons on the mountain tops report that the armies of Taj and Oberoi, of Sheraton and Intercontinental have turned off the Jaipur road and are heading my way, let them be warned. I shall don the saffron and the helmet of Arjuna. I shall entrust my love to the suttee fire and ride out under the sacred banyan tree to battle. A Hindu curse on their complimentary bath gel.

Bad faith begins at Calais

MATTHEW BOND ◆ DIARY

"AND with one bound we were free . . ." Ah, what might have been. Not for the first time, real life has departed from the *Boy's Own* script with misery-making consequences. "And with one allegedly illegal somersault we were third" just doesn't have the right ring.

But as Jayne Torvill dropped delicately back on to the ice, to cacophonous applause and capricious judging, she cannot have been within a double toe-loop of knowing what lay ahead. For her, the week finished with the short trip to the lowest level of the Olympic podium, for the rest of us — the silent, sulking 23 million of us — it had scarcely begun. International relations were, as they say, about to become strained.

Never mind the threat to America's relations with Russia posed by the suggestion that the CIA's former head of counter-intelligence was a Moscow mole. Aldrich Ames (crazy name, crazy spy) was almost certainly a plant, activated by a consortium of thriller writers driven by the need to work again. Hollywood studio chiefs are already working on the film of *The Spy who Came Out from the Fold*.

And never mind the increased tension in Anglo-Malaysian affairs in the wake of the Kuala Lumpur's indignant reaction to suggestions in the British press that it's government is somewhat less than honest in its business dealings. Foreign Office officials are already playing down the seriousness of the subsequent ban on contracts with British companies, describing it as "a storm in a hydro-electric plant". Normal business, one confidently declared, will be resumed just as soon as we've found the overseas aid cheque-book.

No, the real damage to international relations lay much closer to home, as might be guessed from the week's ill-omen — the grand old man of European federalism, Sir Edward Heath, being run over by his own motor car. In short, the British and French have fallen out.

It began with the monumental lapse in Gallic gallantry which hit! Within hours, the French responded by passing yet another law that seeks to ban Franglais. A system of fines is now envisaged for anyone daring to use English. Given Gallic disregard for the law, though, it can't be long before the authorities fall back on a more trusty method of preserving the French way of life: public subsidy. Either that or les roadblocks.

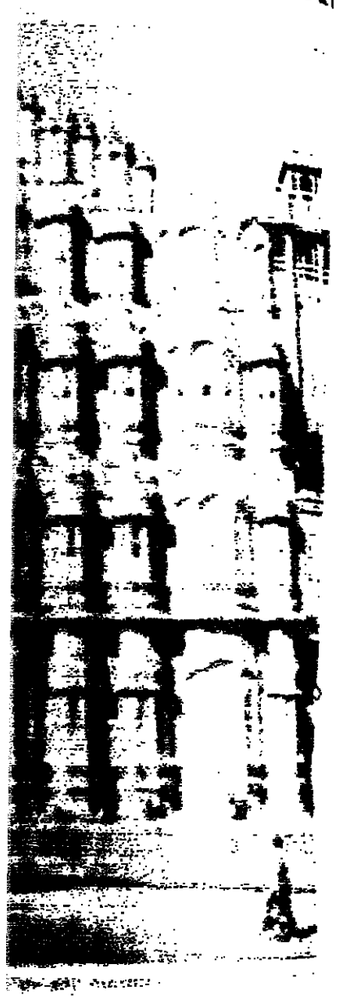
The fighting quickly spread to the bookstalls, with *To be Done with English* trading insults with "*I Hate the French*" *Official Handbook* and *The Xenophobe's Guide to the French*. Among many calumnies, the monikered author of the French offensive weapon, Chanteclair, repeated that most ancien of sores — that English food is kept deliberately awful to deter invading French armies.

Pah! Roy Hattersley, the *rosbif* of Olde Socialism, may have sounded his political retreat, but he'll stand his gastronomic ground with the best of us. British foodies duly retaliated by elevating Elizabeth David, the woman who started beating the French at their own game more than 40 years ago, to the point of sainthood. Her culinary relics fetched extraordinary prices at auction, including five wooden spoons that went for a mouth-watering £400. Stick that in your hollandaise, Chanteclair.

But the British have kept the best until last. For even as you read, Baroness Thatcher is heading through the Channel tunnel towards France. The plan, at least publicly, is for her to stop five miles out from Dover and have lunch with 750 fellow VIPs to celebrate the completion of the tunnel project. But will she? Stop that is. The French cannot say they have not been warned. Sir Christopher Mallaby, who, courtesy of the Channel tunnel, became the first British ambassador to reach Paris by land, next week addresses the French on the subject "Towards a New Entente Cordiale?" Unless they apologise to Jayne, that *entente* may not be nearly as *cordiale* as the French imagine.

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THE PERGAU CURSE

Britain should deal sharply with Mahathir's 'Asian values'

The Malaysian government's decision to deny further government contracts to British companies is petulant and short-sighted. Nothing could be more calculated to stimulate press investigations of the Pergau dam affair and the evidence of links between British aid and arms contracts. A reputation for commercial unreliability will damage Malaysia's economic prospects more than it does those of Britain — to which it sells £430 million a year more than it buys from British exporters. Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia's Prime Minister, has backed himself and his country into a corner.

Noone, however, should doubt the genuineness of Dr Mahatir's anger. When he last instituted the "buy British last" policy in 1981, he proved how peculiarly sensitive he is about Malaysia's links with the former colonial power. Dr Mahathir's anti-colonialism is not just a rhetorical device for domestic consumption; his denunciation of the "colonial brains" of some British journalists reflects a deep cast of mind. He has always been one of Asia's most outspoken advocates of a controlled press. In 1988, denouncing the free flow of information as a Western conspiracy to impose its "intellectual hegemony", he dismissed press freedom as "a myth invented by the so-called liberal West to serve their own purpose".

To say, as he did yesterday, that "if they keep writing like this, they will not get any more of our contracts" is to confuse press, business and government. But naive as this is, coming from the leader of a rapidly-industrialising country, it speaks volumes about the way Malaysia is governed. If Britain is to do business in future with Malaysia it must understand Dr Mahatir.

In dealing with this latest row, the Government must begin by absorbing the lessons of its handling of the last one. Britain bore some responsibility for that rift. Its decision to raise university fees for overseas students, deeply resented, followed hard on a Foreign Office scheme, cancelled only after justified Malaysian protests, to sell the High Commission in Kuala Lumpur — a magnificent building on a prime site offered to Britain by the Malaysian government for almost nothing at independence. British attempts at appeasement thereafter — and its readiness to mix aid, arms sales and export contracts — led directly to the present row. The press would not be investigating Malaysia's dealings so closely had not the Pergau dam been a particularly flagrant abuse of the aid budget.

These new Malaysian protests must be dealt with firmly. Dr Mahathir has frequently said that his overriding goal is to make his country fully industrialised by 2020. He must be told that he cannot expect to do that if the Malaysian government will only do business with countries whose press refrains from accusing him or his ministers of corruption. Dr Mahathir's interpretation of "Asian values", which appears to mean that nobody in power need be called to account, is not shared by all his countrymen: this attempted intimidation is derided by the opposition as "an attempt at a cover-up".

The Government has been paid in kind for carelessly playing politics with commerce. It may apologise to Malaysia for Britain's press if it dares. But British ministers can best help British companies by holding Malaysia rigorously to its undertaking that private contracts, which constitute two-thirds of British business in Malaysia, will not be affected by this ban. Malaysia's unwarranted action should prompt immediate review of British aid and, although too much faith should not be attached to such a course, Britain should take the dispute to the European Union. Once the Uruguay Round, which includes government procurement, is ratified, Britain should file a complaint with Gatt. Malaysia must be brought to understand that its own interests dictate an end to this week's crude form of sanctions.

THE HEBRON MASSACRE

The need to implement the peace accord is all the more urgent

Yesterday, a lone Israeli settler dealt a barbaric hand of death to unarmed Palestinians at prayer. Fifty-three people died as Barukh Goldstein emptied the magazine of his machinegun into a kneeling crowd at the mosque in the Cave of the Patriarchs, in Hebron. The Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, on behalf of his government, called the slaughter "a loathsome, criminal act of murder".

Predictably, Hamas and other Palestinian groups which reject the peace accord, signed in Washington by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), have called for revenge. Tensions in the Occupied Territories are extremely high. But the event must not be allowed to derail the peace process. Equally, it should make clear — and it ought to have been clear already — that further delays in the implementation of the accord can only spell its doom.

It has been evident, from the start, that Jewish extremists pose a threat to the process of political change in Gaza and Jericho just as their Islamic counterparts do. But the Israeli conception of security, doggedly pursued by its negotiators since last September, fails to take account of the need to safeguard the personal security of those Palestinians who share territory with Israeli settlers. Even yesterday, after a curfew was imposed on Hebron, there were reports of heavily armed settlers being allowed to move about freely.

There must be a thorough investigation into all aspects of the massacre. Particularly alarming are the reports that Israeli soldiers were slow to intervene. Israel owes this investigation not just to the families of those killed, but also to its own high ideals. The vast majority of settlers in the Occupied Territories — some 120,000 in total — are ordinary people with no particular ideological obsession. Most were, perhaps, attracted by the cheap housing. But there is an extremist, Messianic core, many of whom do not regard themselves as bound by "temporal" Israeli law, which must be reined in as tightly as possible.

Particularly obnoxious, for their violent and racist antipathy to Palestinians, is the Kach party, to which Barukh Goldstein belonged. It is, for its policies, banned from contesting elections in Israel. The time has come to proscribe it. While disarming all settlers — as the PLO has demanded — would be an over-reaction, those who preach violence should be disarmed. No member of Kach should be allowed to carry a gun: the army should disarm them forthwith.

The Chairman of the PLO, Yassir Arafat, will have lost ground yesterday. Any continued failure to secure the lives of ordinary Palestinians will weaken him still further. Barukh Goldstein has handed Hamas its greatest victory to date: Palestinian moderates will not dare to show their faces in Hebron now. Israel must see that it is in its own interests to take tough measures against its extremist citizens.

There is, however, another side: the massacre will rob the settlers of the moral high ground which they have asserted in the Israeli domestic debate on the peace accord. It will strengthen the hand of the Israeli government in its search for a lasting peace. It must, now, begin to prepare public opinion — as Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, has sought to do — for the day when most settlers will have to leave most settlements in the Occupied Territories. And the peace process must continue: it cannot be held hostage by the likes of Barukh Goldstein.

WRAP UP PARLIAMENT

Institutions as well as artists thrive on new packaging

The Bundestag has set a popular example to other parliaments by voting to wrap itself up. After an emotional debate on the unusual parliamentary topic of art, deputies have decided narrowly on a free vote to let the Bulgarian-American packaging artist Christo (Jaracheff) drape their Reichstag in a million square feet of silver sheeting.

The Reichstag is a grim symbol of this century's history. The 100-year-old neo-classical building was the home of Germany's first experiment in democracy with the short-lived Weimar republic. Its fire in 1933 provided Hitler with an excuse for seizing power and silencing his opponents. At the Götterdämmerung of the Third Reich, Soviet troops clambered up its cupola to raise the Red Flag. The Reichstag's ruinous shadow brooded over the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961, the border between the eastern and western sectors of the Cold War, and the triumphant destruction of the wall.

Christo is a unique artist who is best at drawing curtains. He has made his career from parcelling up familiar objects for a temporary transformation. By partly concealing them, he draws attention to the ghosts in the architecture. His packages have increased in size and pretentiousness from motor cars to architectural monuments, the Pont Neuf in Paris wrapped in gold material, and Japanese hills, which he dotted with giant umbrellas. For 23 years he has been lobbying for permission to drape the Reichstag, which he considers "a solitary monolith, like a sleeping beauty".

Christo's supporters claim that the packaging of the Reichstag will send a "soft signal" of Germany's progress from its violent past into a European future. His opponents, who include Chancellor Helmut Kohl, think it will impose an undignified gimmick on the national symbol. Its packaging will surely provide a media spectacle before the bulldozers move in to rebuild the headquarters of German government in Berlin.

Veils, over buildings as well as people, open doors for the imagination. After Christo has dressed the Reichstag in silver, other politicians whose familiarity has bred low esteem, might consider inviting him to work his transformation on their old clubs. The outlines of Big Ben and the Victoria Tower, such visual clichés that they cause no ripple in the mind's eye, would look fresher in temporary new wrapping. Most postwar architecture, from Croydon to the South Bank, would be improved by a permanent shroud. The Albert Memorial and Lloyd's look as though Christo has already got his hands on them. So much of London is under scaffolding and plastic being rebuilt that he would not know where to start. But Christo sets other decorators an example by paying for his packaging himself, and by taking only a week over his transformations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Malaysia clash a blow to the UK

From Mr Michael R. Hoffman, FEng

Sir, Regrettably trial by media innuendo seems to be acceptable in the UK. However, a truly free press is a responsible one and should know that others are concerned about facts.

Yesterday in Kuala Lumpur I was asked to leave the waiting room of the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dr Mahathir, as a result of unsubstantiated press comment in the UK (reports, February 25).

Next week our French competitors will be working hard to replace us in an important water contract in Malaysia.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HOFFMAN
(Deputy Chairman and
Group Chief Executive),
Thames Water plc,
14 Cavendish Place, W1.
February 25.

From Lord Prior, Chairman of GEC, and others

Sir, Our companies and many others have been engaged in major business ventures in Malaysia. This is a large and growing market and the business we have won there has helped to generate jobs and prosperity in both the United Kingdom and Malaysia.

We want to encourage more and stronger commercial and trading links between the two countries; we want to encourage other British companies to compete for, and win, orders; and we want to encourage British companies to invest in Malaysia.

We are concerned at the impact which recent ill-informed and tendentious articles in the British press may have on perceptions in Malaysia about relationships between our two countries. We suggest that it would be appropriate for British institutions to applaud British successes in Malaysia and other export markets rather than search for grounds on which to be critical of them.

Malaysia has an excellent record of economic growth and provides a fine example to the world of racial harmony and political stability. It deserves much more responsible and better informed media coverage than it has received in recent weeks.

We hope through this letter to demonstrate the commitment of British industry to working with Malaysia for the mutual benefit of both.

Yours faithfully,
JIM PRIOR (Chairman, GEC),
ROBIN BIGGAM (BICC),
DAVID DAVIES (Johnson Matthey),
SIMON KESWICK
(Trafalgar House),
RALPH ROBINS (Rolls-Royce),
ROCKLEY
(Kleinwort Benson Group),
JEFFREY STERLING
(P&O Steam Navigation Co),
General Electric Co, plc,
1 Stanhope Gate, W1.

From Mr N. W. Dennis

Sir, What a nice little earner the Malaysian corruption story is. I hear on the radio that British companies are to launch a PR campaign by placing advertisements in newspapers here extolling the importance of good relations with Malaysia. Whom are you planning to insult next?

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS W. DENNIS,
Valentine Cottage, Popes Lane,
Cookham Dean, Berkshire.

From Mr Andrew Dyke

Sir, If, as it appears, Malaysia is such a wealthy country that the volume of trade with the UK that is now in danger is so great, why on earth was it a candidate for our foreign aid in the first place?

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW DYKE,
40 Compton Road, N21.

A festival and other celebrations for the millennium

From Mr Bevis Hillier

Sir, I am glad that the nine commissioners for the Millennium Fund have now been appointed (report, February 18, later editions). Not a moment too soon, in my view.

Clearly they cannot allocate funds to particular projects before they know how much the national lottery will raise. Already, however, there are disquieting portents: you report that "the Royal Opera House needs money for redevelopment; the Tate Gallery wants to build a museum of modern art in London; and a sports stadium for the north of England is planned. Less glamorous schemes, such as extending cycle paths and replanting forests, could also be contenders". I am dismayed that a Millennium Festival does not even rate a mention.

Even hard-up parents try to give their child a birthday party; but there are much stronger arguments than that for Britain to hold a Millennium Festival. On a merely utilitarian level, it could bring the country money. If it were international in scope, as I believe it should be, it could be a big draw for tourists; and if it incorporated a trade fair, it should result in orders for British technology and design. It would not be all fireworks, fountains and fun — any more than was the 1951 Festival of Britain.

Preparations for the 1951 festival, marking the centenary of the Great Exhibition, lasted over six years and its director-general, Gerald Barry, was appointed in 1947. We have only a little longer than that left to plan for a festival on a grander scale, designed to fulfil a loftier purpose. It must represent a high water mark of civilisation, the ending of two millennia and the dawn of a new one . . . "the hopes and fears of all the years".

The nature of the festival would be for the commissioners to decide, aided by its director-general (who should be appointed forthwith) and by public debate. Whatever form it takes, however, I hope that it will leave some great monuments on the surface of the land. When future generations ask, "What did they do to mark the dawning of the third millennium?", the answers must not be that "they filled Battersea Power Station with Rothkos" or "they constructed a Millennium Bus Shelter in Edmonton".

Gerald Barry, asked to express the purpose of the 1951 festival, replied: "A tonic to the nation." Does anybody doubt that we could do with another?

Yours sincerely,
BEVIS HILLIER,
Garrick Club, Garrick Street, WC2.
February 20.

From Mr Christopher Lucas and Mr John Whitney

Sir, Your leader on February 19, recommending that millennial money should be used to inspire Britons, is nicely in line with the RSA's millennium thinking and with its proposed "Festival 2000 & 1", details of which will be announced shortly. We hope that the handful of *grands projets* regularly mentioned in the press as the leading (also most hungry) contenders for money from the Millennium Fund will be realised.

By contrast, the RSA plan is to provide a framework for the recognition and encouragement of two thousand and one imaginative and practical initiatives, large and small, tangible and intangible, conceived and implemented at grass-roots level throughout the country. These initiatives will be locally resourced, with some — we hope — qualifying for grants from the Millennium Fund.

It was the RSA which conceived the Great Exhibition of 1851: it attracted six million visitors, still an unbroken record, and from that initiative and its financial surplus sprang the great museums and institutions which now comprise "Albertopolis" in South Kensington. It was the RSA again that led the campaign in 1947 to persuade the Attlee government to stage an exhibition in 1951 to mark the centenary of the Great Exhibition; in due course Gerald Barry, on his first day as director-general of the Festival of Britain, set up his office here at the society's house.

This time round, the RSA's aim is to make Festival 2000 & 1 the popular vehicle for ordinary citizens to realise some of their own ideals and to leave in place a great range of enterprising improvements which will affect the lives of all the people of the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER LUCAS
(Director),
JOHN WHITNEY
(Chairman, 2000 & 1 Steering Group),
The Royal Society for the
encouragement of Arts,
Manufactures & Commerce,
8 John Adam Street, WC2.
February 23.

Greek anxieties over Macedonia

From Sir Roger Tomkys, Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge

Sir, Many friends of Greece believe Greek policy towards Macedonia to be wrong-headed. But your editorial of February 21, "Greek folly: Greece must end its blockade of Macedonia", treats a dangerous and complex issue with all the subtlety of a shoot-out between heroes and villains in an old B-feature Western.

You write that no "legitimate interest" of Greece is at issue. It is hardly surprising that Greeks see it otherwise. The Balkans are a dangerous neighbourhood. Greece has no territorial ambitions there. But all Greeks remember that Greek Thrace was taken over by Germany's Bulgarian associates during the Second World War; and they are not unnaturally alarmed that the ineffable Zhirinovsky proposes a similar frontier rectification as part of his solution to the Balkan problems.

They also remember that support from former Yugoslavia for Greek Communists in their own bitter civil war came near to bringing Greece within the Soviet bloc only a generation ago.

Of course poor, landlocked Macedonia by itself represents no material threat to Greece. But given the tragic conflict now in train in former Yugoslavia, the fact that one of its component parts appears to lay historic claim to Greek territory is surely a legitimate concern for Greece and should be for Greece's Nato allies.

Some of your readers will wish to understand, rather than simply condemn out of hand, Greece's "obsession with Macedonia's name, its flag and its symbols". One of these symbols is the White Tower, the most prominent monument in Thessaloniki, which the Macedonian government chooses to display on its currency. Thessaloniki is the Greek port now closed to Macedonia supplies. Landlocked states have international legal rights; but these should not be associated with implied territorial claims over their access to the sea.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER TOMKYS,
Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Tribute to Calman

From Mrs L. I. Laurence

Sir, As a long-time Calman addict, like countless others, I have been saddened by his untimely death (letters, February 12, 18, 22). Let me therefore thank Deborah Moggach for her most moving and beautiful writing in your issue of February 19, "And now I miss the rest of me". It moved me so much that I gave it to two recently bereaved friends. I felt it would help them to come to terms with their loss.

Yours sincerely,
LETTIE I. LAURENCE,
La Mer, Seven Sisters Road,
St Lawrence, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.
February 21.

From Mr Donald Francombe

Sir, May I, through you, thank Deborah Moggach for her piece on Mel Calman? My wife has just died after over 60 years of our marriage, and Ms Moggach says it all for me.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD FRANCOMBE,
36 South Acre, South Harting,
Petersfield, Hampshire.

Baker on basics

From Mr W. E. Abbotts

Sir, Kenneth Baker's analysis, "Major's economic albatross" (February 23), was excellent. It is vital to "make things happen" by lower interest rates and competent intervention and it is time to abandon "boosterism", as Janet Bush neatly called present talking-up-and-little-else policy ("Facing up to his hard facts in Britain's recovery", February 17).

Smaller businesses need action even more than the big projects rightly mentioned by Mr Baker.

Massive increases in bank profits because debt is paid and no longer defaulted support Mr Baker's argument for lower interest rates. But history shows that this money will not benefit UK manufacturing since investment in UK plant remains very low and is a net zero since 1979.

"Back to basics" (and back to the drawing board/square one/etc) is in daily use by competent managers dealing with a problem. Mr Major should stick to it and act upon it by lowering interest and ensuring that the economy does more than lick its wounds and consume more imports, which is what it is doing at present.

To abandon the phrase, as so widely advised, is not the way of a competent manager.

Unfortunately, the empty factories and the collapsed party support in his constituency (in an area claimed to be leading UK recovery) speak louder than his words.

Yours etc,
BILL ABBOTTS
(Managing Director),
Abbott (UK) Limited,
Mortimers Lane, Foxton, Cambridge.
February 23.

Snow-shy?

From Mr Derek Bellis

Sir, Have we become a nation of wimps? During two days of snow the education authority in Clwyd has advised schools to remain closed.

In my wartime schooldays pupils (and teachers) got there whatever the weather, often on foot. Is the new generation being taught that if there's snow, you give up?

Yours faithfully,
DEREK BELLIS,
147 Marine Drive,
Rhos-on-Sea, Clwyd.
February 24.

Aids omission

From Mr F. W. Morris

Sir, Today's edition carries obituaries of Derek Jarman and Randy Shilts.

It also contains your main leader and Simon Jenkins's article about the age of homosexual consent. I think it odd that neither of the latter mentions Aids.

Yours faithfully,
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Keeping track

From Mr Malcolm Lawson-Paul

Sir, Might this not be an opportune time to amend your Church News of Appointments, Resignations and Retirements, to include the additional category of Conversions to Rome?

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM LAWSON-PAUL,
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Chichester, West Sussex.

Grapes on ice

From Mr Geoffrey Noel

Sir, May I suggest that a new phrase be added to the English language. "To do a Torvill & Dean" should be applied to anyone who, having performed something that is obviously the best in its field, is denigrated out of ignorance, prejudice or a combination of the two.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY NOEL,
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Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

Church finances

From Mr A. H. Duberly

Sir, Church of England finances have for too long been based upon the mistaken assumption that financial and spiritual faith grow on the same tree — God (the Church Commissioners) will provide. Now, as you rightly point out in your leader, "The cost of faith" [February 16; also letters, February 23], the members in the pews will have to pay if they wish to keep the existing parish structure.

My belief is that they will be willing to do so and will understand the need to be self-supporting. What they will not be prepared to do is to subsidise a structure of central and diocesan management for which they can see no justification.

Reform needs to start at the centre.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH DUBERLY (Chairman,
Ely Diocesan Board of Finance),
Place House, Great Staughton,
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.
February 17.

From Dr D. G. Brooke

Sir, As the treasurer of a small rural church I believe that stewardship of resources is the responsibility of all. If church members living on small and often decreasing incomes are to increase their giving, then they have a right to know what cost-saving initiatives are proposed within the Church's infrastructure, particularly given the knock-on costs associated with the ordination of women.

Exhortations "to give" tend to be economical with the truth, and suggestions to rural worshipping communities with inadequate public transport that they pay up or their church will be closed down have unpleasant connotations.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS BROOKE,
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Sandiway, Cheshire.
February 17.

From Lady Elton

Sir, Before lamenting the recent disastrous losses made by the Church Commissioners, it is worth remembering the reckless disposal of glebe land, and the ill-considered sales of sturdy vicarages, bought up and resold at vast prices. The restless and often extravagant quest for novelty has afflicted many Victorian Gothic churches, to say nothing of the tasteless addition of parish halls.

In many parishes, the laity, long accustomed to give generously, enter into covenants and leave legacies, now endure the banality of Rite A, the inept translations in the Alternative Service Book, and new hymns feebly emulating the caterwauling of a disco.

What you describe (leading article, February 16) as the rich culture of lay involvement needs to be sustained by the re-instatement of the Authorised Version and the Book of Common Prayer.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET ELTON,
Clevedon Court, Somerset.
February 16.

From the Reverend Stephen Z. Edwards

Sir, I was interested to read Ruth Gledhill's interview with "a typically hard-pressed clergyman", the Reverend Martin Clark ("The vicar's mite", February 16). I also note that Mr Clark earns £13,400 a year.

I was ordained in 1931 to a flourishing northern parish. I was paid £240 per year, raised to £250 when I became a priest. In my first living, four years later, my stipend was approximately £323, out of which I had to pay dilapidations. My first car, known to the parish as Ichabod [see I Samuel iv, 21], cost £7.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN Z. EDWARDS,
38 Richmond Road, Pelynt, Cornwall.
February 17.

From Mr E. F. Crosswell

Sir, I can find no record of Jesus bemoaning his comparative poverty, despite having no recourse to income support. But, of course, Jesus did not have the "educated tastes" that Ruth Gledhill ascribes to the Reverend Martin Clark.

Yours faithfully,
E. F. CROSSWELL,
78 Goldsworthy Way,
Slough, Berkshire.
February 16.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 25: By command of The Queen, the Viscount St Davids (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.
February 25: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

The Canford Foundation

The Canford Foundation was formally launched at Canford School on Saturday, February 19, 1994, the primary objective being to complete the School's facilities with a modern Theatre and Sports Hall. Those present included:
The Chairman and Governors, the Headmaster and members of Staff and many Old Canfordians, parents and friends who pledged to support the Appeal.

King's College Hospital

The Prime Minister, accompanied by the Secretary of State for Health, formally opened the new Critical Care Complex incorporating The Jack Steinberg Intensive *Care Unit at King's College Hospital*, London, on Wednesday, February 23.

Elections

The Royal Horticultural Society
Following the retirement of Mr Robin Herbert (President 1984-1994), Sir Simon Hornby has been elected President of the Royal Horticultural Society and Mr Martin Slocock has been re-elected Treasurer. Mrs Joyce Stewart and Mr Martin Lane Fox have been elected to the Council of the Society. Mr Charles Notcutt has been re-elected to the Council.

Memorial services

Miss Sybil Smith
A memorial service will be held for Miss Sybil Smith on Tuesday, March 1, at noon at St Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, Chelsea, London, SW3.

Professor Thaddeus Mann
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Professor Thaddeus Mann, CBE, FRS, Honorary Fellow of Trinity Hall and Professor Emeritus of the Physiology of Reproduction, will be held at St Edward's Church, Cambridge, on Saturday, March 12, at 2.30pm.

Reception

The London Institute
The Chairman of The London Institute, Mr Julian E. Markham, and the Rector of The London Institute, Professor John McKenzie were the hosts at receptions held on Tuesday, February 22 and Wednesday, February 23 in the Institute's gallery at 65 Davies Street, London, W1, to launch the College's Annual Report and to mark the opening of the Masterclass '94 exhibition.

University news

Cambridge
Darwin College
Elected into a Visiting Fellowship: Flora May Lewis (Munby Fellowship in Bibliography, 1994-95)

Critics applaud husband and wife

By Andrew Pierce

IAN Holm and his wife Penelope Wilton were named actor and actress of the year yesterday in the London Critics' Drama Awards.

The award was a triumph for Holm who conquered 15 years of stage fright to return to the stage to play the lead in *Moonlight* at the Almeida Theatre. Penelope Wilton won her award for her role in Terence Rattigan's *Deep Blue Sea* which also began its run at the Almeida.

Best play of the year was Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*. Terry Hands was director of the year for the Royal Shakespeare Company production of *Tamburlaine*.

City of Angels was voted best musical. The best designer was Ian MacNeil for *Machinal* at the National Theatre. Most promising playwright was Simon Donald for his play *The Life of Stuff*.

The most promising newcomer was Emma Fielding for her role as a young mathematics genius in *Arcadia*. Best critic of the year, chosen by readers of *Theatre Record*, was Michael Billington of *The Guardian*. The awards were presented at the Theatre Museum in Russell Street, London.



MARTIN BEDDALL

Winners: Emma Fielding, most promising newcomer, and Tom Stoppard, best play

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P. Barrett and Miss J.H. Gravell
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of the late Sam Barrett and of Mrs Edna Barrett, of Maghull, Merseyside, and Jayne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Gravell, of Kidwelly, Dyfed.

Mr E.R. Denne and Miss M.A. Gates
The engagement is announced between Edward Ramsay, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Denne, of Barham, Kent, and Michelle Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gates, of South Stoke, Berkshire.

M E. Gadras and Miss S.E. Spurrell
The engagement is announced between Eric, younger son of Mme N. Gadras, of La Teste, France, and M B. Gadras, of Bordeaux, and Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.E. Spurrell, of Bath.

Dr M.S.W. Hoyle and Miss B.J. Fisher
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs S. Hoyle, of Wrecclesham, Surrey, and Brigitte, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Fisher, of Bridel, Luxembourg.

Captain C.D. Stisted and Miss M.M. Russell-Smith
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs J.N. Stisted, Edinburgh, and Melissa, daughter of Mr A. Russell-Smith and Mrs T.H. Benham, London.

Dr M.N.A. Bockmuehl and Miss C.R. Withycombe
The engagement is announced between Markus, eldest son of the late Dr Klaus Bockmuehl and of Mrs Elisabeth Bockmuehl, of Vancouver, Canada, and Celia, younger daughter of the late Mr John Withycombe and of Mrs Athene Withycombe, of Cambridge.

Lieutenant-Commander R.W. Burdett, RN, and Miss A.M. Wellwood
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs D'Arcy Burdett, of Milland, West Sussex, and Annmarie, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs James Wellwood, of Dunfermline, Fife.

Mr N. Kilfoil and Miss C. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Niall, son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Geoffrey Kilfoil, of Glyn Ceiriog, Clwyd, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Thompson, of Chiswick, London, and Cairo, Egypt.

Mr A.P. Read and Miss J.M. Smith
The engagement is announced between Alan Peter, only son of the late Mr Peter Michael Read and of Mrs Ira Read, of Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, and Joann Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Smith, of Worcester.

Birthdays

Today
Mr Paul Ackford, rugby player, 36; Lord Bridge of Harwich, 77; Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, solicitor, 80; Mr Johnny Cash, singer, 62; Sir Peter Cazalet, chairman, APV, 65; Mr Frank Copplestone, deputy chairman, Westcountry Television, 69; Mr David Edgar, playwright, 46; Mr S.J. Etherington, chief executive, Royal National Institute for Deaf People, 39; Lord Justice Farquharson, 66; Sir James Goldsmith, company chairman, 61; Dr B.J. Greenhill, author, 74; Mr Christopher Hope, novelist, 50; Miss Emma Kirkby, soprano, 45; Professor Noreen Murray, molecular biologist, 59; Sir Michael Perry, chairman, Unilever, 60; Mr Tony Selby, actor, 56; Dr Diana Walford, director, Public Health Laboratory Service, 50; Mr E.D. Weekes, cricketer, 69.

Tomorrow
Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, 53; Lord Belhaven and Stenton, 67; Sir Michael Butler, pro-provost and chairman of council, Royal College of Art, 67; Viscount Cowdray, 84; Mr Stephen Curtis, chief executive, DVLA, 46; Sir Peter Emery, MP, 68; Sir Berkeley Gage, diplomat, 90; Viscount Head, 57; Mr Mervyn Jones, author, 72; Mr Michael Kaye, director, City of London Festival, 69; Mrs Barbara Kelly, former chairman, Scottish Consumer Council, 54; Sir Hugh Leggatt, art dealer, 69; Mr Edward Lucie-Smith, poet and art critic, 61; Mr Ian McGarry, general secretary, British Actors' Equity Association, 53; Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman, Sears, 61; Mr Ralph Nader, consumer protection pioneer, 60; Rabbi Julia Neuberger, 44; Mr Alberto Remedios, opera and concert singer, 59; Mr Gene Sarazen, golfer, 92; Professor Roger Scruton, philosopher, 50; Mr M.M. Shearer, Lord Lieutenant of Shetland, 70; Miss Antoinette Sibley, prima ballerina, 55; Sir Andrew Sloan, former chief constable, Strathclyde, 63; Mr Timothy Spall, actor, 37; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, actress, 62; Air Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson, 53; Lord Young of Graffham, 62.

Dinners

Masons' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a dinner of the Masons' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Robert Waters, Master, presided. During the dinner the Master announced the 1994 Masons' Company competition for new and restoration work in natural stone within a radius of seven miles of Guildhall.

Lord Brougham and Vaux
The Icelandic Ambassador and Mrs Ágústsson were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the International Cultural Exchange last night at the House of Lords. Lord Brougham and Vaux was the host.

Guild of Freemen of the City of London
Sir Clifford Chetwood, Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London, and Lady Chetwood were the hosts at a dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. The Master and Commander E.F.M. Searle, Commander of the Royal Naval College Greenwich, were the speakers.

Cambridge '99 Rowing Club
Mr Bob Arnold, President of the Cambridge '99 Rowing Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge. Mr Martin Brandon-Bravo, Chairman of the Amateur Rowing Association, Mr Steve Redgrave and Canon Reg Smith also spoke. During dinner the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire presented Mr Johnathan Conder with the Briscoe Oar. The Vice Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire and the Mayor of Cambridge also attended.

Anniversaries are on the facing page

Church services tomorrow

Second Sunday in Lent
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, Canon P Pilkington; 11 S Euch, Messe Solenelle (Langlais), Drop, Drop slow tears (Walton), The Archdeacon; 3.15 E, Responses (Holmes), Purcell in G minor, Miserere mei (Allegri); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Dean.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Preambule (Vierne), Jackson in G, Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood), Fugue in C (Bach), Canon Ronald Johns; 3 E, Responses (Ebdon), Purcell in E minor, Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn); 6 AGM of Choir.
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Theme, The King and the Kingdon, Canon David Knight; 11.15 S Euch, Open thy gates (Harrison), Agnus Dei, The Vice Provost; 4 Baptism; 6 Choral E, Responses (Ebdon), Jehova quam multi sunt (Purcell), Canon Paul Brett.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.15 MP; 7.45 HC; 12 Intercessions in the Lady Chapel; 4.15 Choral E, Responses (Ebdon), Short Service (Hunt), O most merciful (Bullock).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 The Communion; 10.30 Cathedral Euch, *Deus Genitor (Plainsong)*, Prayer for Peace (Lord), Peace, perfect peace (Leddington Wright), Rev N Guthrie; 3 German Lutherans; 3 Polish Lutherans; 5.30 E, Prayer for peace (Lord), Responses (Little), Collegium Regale (Howells), Evening Hymn.
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Canon Pedley; 11.15 HC, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Canon Brown, Rev Margaret Parker; 3.30 E, Responses (Smith), Wood in C minor, Thou knowest Lord (Purcell).
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, *The Litany (Tallis), Mass in G minor* (Vaughan Williams), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Rev W King; Fantasia in G (Parry); 3.45 E, Preces (Shephard), Bairstow in G, God is our refuge (Harvey).
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, Jesu Word of God Incarnate (Mozart), Russell Hunt; 4 Choral E, Bairstow in D, Turn back O Man (Holst).
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Canon Ifor George Jones; 11.15 M, Responses (Morley), Benedicite in D minor (Marshall), Benedictus in C (Stanford), Thou knowest Lord (Purcell), The Precentor; 12.30 HC; 5.45 E, Responses (Smith), Walmisley in D minor, Turn thou us O Lord God (Child), Fantasia and Fugue in G minor (Bach).
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), The Lamentation (Bairstow), Tantum Ergo (Durufle), The Dean; 3.30 E, Murrill in E, Greater Love (Ireland).
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & The Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Rev S P Kirk; 9 Parish Euch, Rev S P Kirk; 11 S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Creed (Merbecke), Call to remembrance O Lord (Farrant), The Canon in Residence; 12.15 HC; 3.30 Choral E, Hereford Service (Lloyd), Turn thee unto me O Lord (Boyce); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, Ven R H Roberts.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in E, Canon Albert Radcliffe; 6.30 E, Walmisley in D minor, Rev Janet Fife.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Ave Verum (Philips), Drop drop slow tears (Walton), Canon David Atkinson; 3 E, Admission of Archdeacon of Croydon, Stanford in B flat, Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), Bishop of Southwark.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Librarian; 10 S Euch, O Lord increase *our faith (Loosemore)*, Darke in A minor, Drop drop slow tears (Morley), The Treasurer; 6E, Responses (Byrd), Dyson in F, The ways of Zion do mourn (Wise), The Librarian.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Neary), Benedicite (Purcell), Hear my prayer (Purcell), Rev Ann Easter; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa Aedis Christi (Howells), Hide not thou face (Farrant), If ye love me (Tallis), Canon Anthony Harvey; 3 E, O Lord in thy wrath (Gibbons), Canon Paul Bates; 6.30 ES, Sister Hilary Markey.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Ordination to the Diaconate; 10 MP; 3.30 V & B, Magnificat primi toni (Capece), Iehovah quam multi sunt (Purcell); 4.30 Organ Recital, Huw Williams.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Litany (Loosemore), Vaughan Williams in G minor, Canon Ronald Metcalfe; 11.30 M, Responses (Jackson), The Lamentation (Bairstow), Benedictus in A flat; 4 E, Bairstow in D, Canon Leslie Stanbridge.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 M, Responses (Clucas), Dyson in D, The Lamentations (Bairstow), Geistliches Lied (Brahms), Rev Paul Kinsey.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Family), 6 LM; 11.30 SM, Rev A M Barratt.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 MS, Rev Dr J Philip Newell; 10, 11.30 MS, The Minister; 6 St Giles' at Six, Lenten Address & music; 8 ES, Rev Dr J *Philip Newell.*
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Gibbons & Barnard), Ashfield in F, Stanford in C, Ven George Cassidy; 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis (Walton), Oculi omnium (Wood); 3.15 E, Wesley in E, O Lord look down from heaven (Battishill), Rt Rev John Klyberg.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Ave Jesu (Oldroyd), Call to remembrance (Farrant), Canon Mackay; 6.30 Choral E, Walmisley in D minor, Remember O Lord (Walmisley), The Provost.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Jesu grant me this I pray (Bairstow), Rev P McGeary; 6 E & B, Fauxbourdons (Wilan), The Vicar.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 Communion; 11 Rev Richard Bewes; 6.30 Rev Ronald Dunn.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday *School*; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa quo abiit dilectus tuus (Manchicourt), O Lord increase my faith (Gibbons), Remember O thou man (Ravenscroft).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Greater Love hath no man (Ireland), Dr Pauline Webb; 6 E, Rev D Bean.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, Fr Francis Edwards, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa choralis (David), Super flumina (Palestrina), Ecce tempus idoneum (Tallis).
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Captain Bob Read; 11, 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Sandy Millar.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Sexti Toni (Croce), Super Flumina Babylonis (Palestrina), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, *Domine convertere (Lassus).*
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Paul Hulme.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr R John Tudor.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC, Rev Ronald T Englund; 7 Jazz V, St Anne's Jazz Choir & Jazz Trio directed by Scott Stroman, *Rev Oyvind Aisaker.*
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Responses (Gibbons & Barnard), Benedicite (Lloyd), Salvator Mundi (Tallis), Rev Anthony Winter; 6.30 E, Responses (Gibbons & Barnard), Plainsong & Fauxbourdons (Healy Willan), Rev Anthony Winter.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 A Service of Renewal, Baptism & Confirmation, Rt Rev & Rt Hon Lord Bishop, Mozart in B flat, Cantique de Jean Racine; 6.30 E, Responses (Ebdon), Purcell in E minor, Three Penitential Anthems (Purcell), Hear my prayer O God, Remember not Lord our offences, Canon John Oates.
ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass for three voices (Byrd), Civitas sancti tui (Byrd), Rev U R S Black, RAF Marham.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, Rev W A Cairns; 6.30 Rev John H McIndoe.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Missa aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Exaudi Domine (Gabrieli), O Lamm Gottes unschuldig (Bach).
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass in D (Williams), The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mass (Stravinsky), Lead me Lord (Wesley), Rev Graham Buckle; 6 Choral E, De profundis (Gluck), Rev Bill Wilson.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Missa Petre Ego (Lobo), Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley), Carilion Orientis Partibus (Willis), Rev Derek Watson; 6.30 E, My soul there is a country (Parry), Prelude & Fugue in D (Bach), Rt Rev T Savin.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Ley in E minor, Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 M, Responses (Tomkins), Benedicite (Harris), Lamentations of Jeremiah (Tallis), The Dean; 12.15 HC.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells), *Tristis anima mea* (Poulenc), Rev John Pridmore; 11.30 Visitors To London Service, Responses (Smith of Durham), Greater Love hath no man (Ireland), Rev John Pridmore; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Joyce Bennett; 5 Choral E, Short Evening Service (Gibbons), Lord let me know mine end (Greene); 6.30 ES, Relationships, The Vicar.
ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, *Primrose Hill:* 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Mass setting (Plainsong), Rev David Jones; 5.30 EP; 6 HC with the Laying on of Hands.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Short Service (Batten), Hear my prayer (Batten), The Rector.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Christus factus est (Anerio), Ave verum (Byrd), Rev Christopher Courtauld.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Civitas sancti tui (Byrd), Rev Fr Alan Chidwick.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Anerio), Exaudi Deus orationem meum (Lassus), Super Flumina Babylonis (Palestrina), Fr John Towers; 6 Stations of the Cross & B.
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Ebdon), Te Deum (Tallis), Canon J G M W Murphy.
CHAPEL ROYAL, *St James's Palace:* 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Ubi Caritas (Durufle), Canon E A James DD FKC.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Responses (Smith), Benedicite (Plainsong), Macpherson in E (Jubilate), O how amiable (Tomkins); 3.30 E, Responses (Rose), Let the words of my mouth (Purcell), Howells in E.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), Litany (Walton), Tantum ergo (Durufle), Rev Simon Hobbs.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Benedicite (Dyson in F), Blessed are they that mourn (Brahms); 12.30 HC, The Chaplain.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30, 11.15 HC, Missa Brevis (Walton), Hear my prayer O Lord (Purcell), The Creed (Merbecke), O Lord look down from heaven (Battishill), The Master.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, O Saviour of the World (Goss), Wash me throughly (Wesley), Rev John Whitten, Men of Harlech (arr Parrott), *The Life Guards*; 12 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, Call to Remembrance (Farrant), Lord we beseech thee (Batten), The Chaplain.

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A bright look brings joy to the heart, and good news warms the bones to the marrow.
Proverbs 15:30

BIRTHS

BEVAN - On February 12th in Hong Kong, to Sara and Robin, a daughter, Laura Isabel.
BLAQUIÈRE - On 24th February, to Amanda and David, a son, Bruno David Pascal, a brother for Nicole, Gabrielle and Luc.
BURROWS - On 22nd February 1994, to Felicity (née Juniper) and Mark, a son, Patrick William Hamilton, a brother for Christopher.
CHEESE - On February 20th 1994, to Peter and Fiona (née Robertson), a daughter, Laura Rosanna, a sister for Emily-Ann.
DENNE - To Toby and Louise a son, Oliver Thomas, born 22nd February at Awali Hospital, Bahrain.
GREEN - On 19th February, *to Janet and David*, a beautiful daughter, Lucinda Victoria Valentine, a sister for Oliver, Hugo and Emily.
KIRBY - On February 22nd, to Jane (née Allison) and Graham, a son, George.
STANDISH - On February 23rd, to Rebecca (née Lewis) and Nigel, a beautiful daughter, Francesca Anne, a sister for Marcus.
WALTERS - On 22nd February at the Wellington Hospital, a son, Daniel Nicholas, to Louisa (née Shulman) and Simon.
YEADON - On 24th February 1994, to Mark and Squeaky, a son, Alexander Anthony William, at Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

REES:PHILLIPS - On 26th February 1944, Roy and Joan, now of Milford on Sea. Love from all your family.

DEATHS

BARRY - On February 23rd at home in Farringdon, Alton, Betty (née Middleton). Dearly loved wife of Major General R.H. Barry. Funeral Service at All Saints, Farringdon, at 2.30 pm on Friday March 4th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. No letters please.
BROWN - On February 23rd, Oliphant Murray, aged 97. Beloved husband of the late Margaret Elizabeth (Elsa), loving father of Julia and Mary, much loved father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral on Tuesday 1st March. Enquiries Arnold Funerals (0753) 891892.
BURNHAM - Philip Cowlishaw. On Friday 25th February in Spain, his home of many years. Very sadly missed by Margaret, Arthur and his family. Cremation in Alicante, family only.
DOBIE - Derek. Died suddenly on Wednesday 23rd February 1994 at Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, aged 56 years. Funeral Service at St Francis Church, Coronation Road, South Ascot, on 1st March at 10am. Flowers or donations to the Heart Lung Foundation.
EASTON - Peacefully on February 24th 1994, Robert Hugh, beloved husband of Katharine (Kate) and father of Julian and Margaret. Funeral Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Wednesday March 2nd at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations to "The Auchinleck Memorial Appeal" c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service Saxmundham IP17 1DJ
HOARE - Ernest Stanley on February 28th aged 90. *Beloved uncle of Ruth, Janet* and Derek. Former master at Dean Close School, Cheltenham, England Hockey International and Captain. Funeral at St Philip & St James, Cheltenham, at 2.30 pm on Thursday March 3rd. All welcome. Family flowers only to Selim Smith Funeral Directors, 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. Memorial Service at Dean Close, 12 noon Saturday May 7th.
HOPKINS - Francis Herbert, darling husband of Marguerite, father of Maureen and Theo, peacefully at home on the day before his 90th birthday. Family flowers only, donations to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, 10 Beaumont Street, London W1N 2AA. Funeral arrangements, Kenyons (071) 937-0757.
JEREMY - On 24th February 1994, John Morgan M.B.E., aged 67 years, peacefully at home after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Service to take place at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday 2nd March at 1.30 pm. Floral tributes, or donations to the Macmillan Service, may be sent c/o F.A. Holland & Son, 3 Jubilee Road, Chichester, W. Sussex.
KIDSON - Anthony Richard (Tony) of Brockley, Kent, died 21st February aged 47, tragically as the result of a car accident. Beloved brother of Christopher, Michael and John. Cremation Elmers End Crematorium March 1st 1pm. Flowers to Francis Chappell and Sons, Bromley, Kent.
LEA - On 24th February, peacefully in Jersey, Robert Francis Gore O.B.E. (mil) aged 88. Adored husband of Susan and father of Annabel and Rupert. Private cremation: details of Thanksgiving Service to be announced.
MARYAN - On January 2nd 1994, James Albert Maryan born December 26th 1920 in London. Served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and REME's 1936-45 and 8th Army and beloved husband of Mrs Joan Ester Maryan, 24 Winchester Road, Northampton, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Cooper, Roade Main Garage Ltd., Roade, Northamptonshire. Beloved children of James and Joan, Paul James Maryan, Susan Swan, Mark Maryan, Emily Fellows and Robert Maryan, grandchildren, David, Daniel, Jessica, Charlotte, Jemma, Thomas, Melissa, Philip, Rachel and Catheryne. God bless Joan and James and God will stay with us until eternity, my love forever, from your wife Joan Ester.
MITCHELL-INNES - On February 23rd, in hospital, William Gilbert, aged 68, father of Charles and Carolyne, Sarah and Fiona. Funeral private.
RAW - Suddenly on February 23rd, Stanley Collingwood, M.S., F.R.C.S. of Farnham. Loving husband of Marion, father and grandfather. Private cremation. A Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Church, Farnham, later. Enquiries to Farnham Funeral Service, tel: (0252) 711444.
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STROUDE - Barbara Clare (née Martin). On February 24th in Hospital. Very much loved wife of Michael and mother of Adrian.
WILLIAMS - On February 24th at home, William Joseph aged 89 years, a much loved father, grandfather and friend. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Stalbridge, Dorset, on Thursday March 3rd at 11 am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Peter Jackson, Funeral Director, High Street, Henstridge, Somerset BA8 0RB.
WILLIAMS - Audrey Forbes, on 22nd February 1994, peacefully at home. Wife of the late R.E. Williams, mother of Christopher, Oliver, Mark and Alison and granny to their children.
WOOLLCOMBE - Elisabeth Hume (née Harvey) suddenly and peacefully at home in Appin, Argyll, on 23rd February 1994 aged 71 years; adored and loving wife of Rupert and very much loved by her children Rosanna, David, Kate and John and her family and friends, to all of whom she gave so much love. Funeral at Holy Cross Church, Portnacroish, Appin, on Monday 28th February at 2.30 pm. Anyone so wishing may send flowers or a donation to Appin Medical Fund c/o Duncan Gunn & Sons (Funeral Directors), Appin.

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OBITUARIES

SQUADRON LEADER FRANCIS McKENNA

Squadron Leader Francis (Frank) McKenna OBE (Mil) who tracked down Gestapo war criminals after the war, died on February 14, aged 87. He was born on February 28, 1906.

FRANK McKENNA was dispatched to Germany after VE Day to trace members of Hitler's Gestapo who had cold-bloodedly killed British prisoners of war who had been recaptured after taking part in the "Great Escape". Some 50 British servicemen were murdered, nearly all of those who tunnelled their way out of Stalag Luft III in Silesia a half-century ago. Their execution had been ordered personally by Hitler — infuriated by the break-out. The men's bodies were later cremated and their ashes sent back to the prison camp in separate urns, to discourage others from trying to follow their example. This was Hitler's dreadful revenge.

When news of their fate reached Whitehall, the Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, resolved to track down those "foul criminals" responsible. "When the war is over," he pledged, "they will be brought to justice." That was the mission to which Frank McKenna was assigned in 1945. At the time it looked like a "mission impossible"

Then aged 39, a detective in the Blackpool police force before the war, McKenna had already seen action in Bomber Command. As a flight engineer on Lancasters, he had flown on 40 raids over occupied Europe. By 1945 a squadron leader, he had been transferred to the Special Investigations Branch (SIB), the armed forces' equivalent of the CID, a job to which he brought his own prewar experience.

It was just about all that he had got when he started his typically British-style investigation, with only one RAF sergeant to assist him. By diligent policework, however, Frank McKenna got his men. By this time leading a more suitably-sized team, he tracked down 13 of the guilty men, ten of whom were eventually hanged and the others jailed.

Most had killed their British prisoners by inveigling them out of the vehicles in which they were being taken back to the prison camp, on the pretext of being able to relieve themselves. The Gestapo guards then shot them in the back of the head. One of the Nazis he had to arrest twice. Having brought him back out of the Russian zone at some



risk, he first "loaned" him for questioning to the Americans — who then, to McKenna's disgust, let him go.

The German, named Zacharias, was recaptured and eventually executed at the Tower — but not before writing a last letter to his wife. McKenna later carried out his promise to deliver it.

By no means all of the Nazis were repentant. One of them, Johannes Post, aged 35, when asked how he could have carried out such a deed, calmly replied: "Because I was dealing only with subhumans, whom I liquidated for the glory of the Führer." He was hanged at Hamelin.

Frank McKenna, who was appointed military OBE, had perhaps inherited his talent for police work. Born in Accrington, one of six children, he moved as a baby with his family to Blackpool where his father, after joining the police force, rose to become the head of Blackpool CID. Frank thus followed in his father's footsteps and, soon after becoming a detective, found himself patrolling the town's famous promenade in plain clothes.

In 1926 he narrowly missed getting into trouble and ended up by making history for Blackpool police force. He had been detailed to bring back a prisoner from the Isle of Man on the day of a celebrated FA Cup-tie in Bloomfield Road, Blackpool. Anxious not to miss the match he flew to Douglas, at that time an unprecedented means of travel for the police, and thus had his man back in the cells long before the kick-off at 2.30pm. Unfortunately he was spotted at the match by an inspector who reported him. It was eventually acknowledged, however, that the cost of his return flight to the island, was less than that of a voyage by sea and an overnight stay. He always claimed to be the first policeman in Britain to have used an aircraft to get his man.

At the end of his hunt for the Gestapo men in Germany, McKenna stayed in the SIB for two more years, ending up in Cyprus during the troubles with Eoka. He was mentioned in dispatches for his work there and was told he was due to be promoted to wing commander. But he left to rejoin the police force at this point, because he needed to complete two more years' service to earn his police pension. On retiring from there in 1949, he joined the staff of the Ministry of Defence in London, working on the security vetting of service personnel.

In 1971, aged 65, he retired for the third time, only to become a security consultant in his own right, working for a number of companies in the north.

A book called *Exemplary Justice* was written about his manhunt in West Germany. But although McKenna helped by providing material for the author, he never read it. A tall, quiet, reflective man, he did not like "all the fuss".

Frank McKenna suffered a great loss himself when his elder son Terry was killed on his bicycle at the age of 10. He is survived by his wife Eunice and by their younger son, Ian.

ALAN LAMBOLL

Alan Lamboll, alderman and sheriff of the City of London in 1977, died on January 25 aged 70. He was born on October 12, 1923.

ALAN LAMBOLL had a long and distinguished career in the City of London, where he was an underwriting member at Lloyd's, and also was involved there in brokerage and agency work, until his retirement in 1982. Educated at Marlborough College, where he was a useful all-rounder at sports, Alan Seymour Lamboll worked briefly for the BBC engineering staff before serving, from 1943 to 1947, as a captain in the Royal Signals, East Africa Command.

He became a member of the Court of Common Council at the then unheard of age of 26, following in the footsteps of his father (a city wine merchant who died when Alan was 12). After 21 years as a member of the Langbourn Ward, he was elected alderman for Castle Baynard in 1970, prompting the Queen to comment "slow progress" when he was introduced to her a short while afterwards in Guildhall as the "junior alderman". That progress reached its peak when he was elected aldermanic sheriff of the City during the Silver Jubilee.

While taking a great interest in City affairs, Lamboll's main interest was sitting as a magistrate, culminating in a three-year period as chairman of the South Westminster Division, the busiest metropolitan Bench in the country, involving him in the day to day running of Bow Street and Marlborough Street courts.

Possessed of a private income, Lamboll was of the old school who believed that the more fortunate should put something back into the system. A devout Christian, he strove to give the very best of himself to all the many committees and organisations he chaired or sat on — these as diverse as prison visiting and the Royal Theatrical Fund, of which he was vice-chairman from 1967. He was also a member of the St John Council for London, 1971-82, and a governor of the Mermaid Theatre Trust, 1966-77.

Although basically a quiet and rather shy man he had a good sense of humour and delighted in the atmosphere of the theatre and clubland. He was a member of the Garrick, Athenaeum and Pratt's. For the last three years he lived in the Algarve, with his companion of over twenty years, Jonathan Wicks, and their many Tibetan spaniels and other rescued dogs.

CHRISTOPHER LASCH

Christopher Lasch, American cultural historian and political theorist, died of cancer in Pittsford, New York, on February 14 aged 61. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on June 1, 1932.

NOT everyone in his home country understood the writings of Christopher Lasch but the incomprehension may have been wilful. His piercing criticisms of contemporary American culture were not designed to be comfortable reading. Lasch believed that the role of a cultural historian was not merely to understand society, but to transform it.

The son of a local journalist, and a social worker who later became a philosophy professor, Lasch graduated in 1953 from Harvard, where he shared a room for a time with the novelist John Updike. He later took a PhD from Columbia. His first book, *The American Liberals and the Russian Revolution*, was published in 1962 while he was an assistant professor at the University of Iowa. Like others that followed, it took a critical look at the political consequences of what had occurred in the Soviet Union for radical thinkers in America — and received mixed reviews.

Lasch became critical of the left's failure to extricate American foreign policy from the moral and military quagmire of Vietnam, arguing in a series of articles that "anti-Communism had become accepted as the *sine qua non* of political respectability". He called instead for mass civil disobedience and the building of a coherent political force to resist the ideology of the Cold War.

With student and black protests rampant in the late 1960s, Lasch published a collection of his essays under the title, *The Agony of the American Left*. They pressed his view that those excluded from the centre of entrenched power in the United States needed an effective political party, and not a chorus of naive hate-filled revolutionaries. Again, the reviews were mixed. Malcolm Muggeridge, writing in the *Chicago Tribune*, observed: "Professor Lasch's cry from the heart lacks one essential ingredient — comedy. The theme deserves a Cervantes; it usually gets, as in this case, a stricken academic."

Undeterred, Lasch continued to write in the same vein for some years and in 1977 he published *Haven in a Heartless World: the Family Besieged*, which was critically praised as a defence of traditional family values. Lasch, however, claimed that the book was misunderstood: it was really an indictment of capitalism, and the consumerist exploitation of human affections, which together had caused the "chronic mild depression" of America. With his seventh book, *The Culture of Narcissism*, published in 1978, Lasch at last achieved commercial success. His bleak description of postwar America as a society of dangerously self-absorbed individuals, hypnotised by personal goals, fearful of their impulses and easily controlled by power élites, remained on *The New York Times* bestseller list for seven weeks.

The book's success said more for American masochism than for Lasch's writing style, which was frequently dismissed as rambling. There was no doubt, however, about the pungent accuracy of his criticism. "We need discipline; we need punishment," wrote one punning reviewer. "The man who would recall us to it is called Professor Lasch, and he wields a mean whip."

It may have been this work which persuaded President Jimmy Carter to enlist Lasch's aid in 1979 when he planned a speech on America's "crisis of confidence". The result, which became known as the "national malaise" speech, did not go down well. *The Culture of Narcissism* was nominated for an American Book Award in 1980 but Lasch declined to participate on the ground that such awards sanctioned "the worst tendencies in publishing today".

Lasch, who in addition to his writing was a full-time academic, went on to deliver the 1981 Freud Lectures at University College London, and to produce a sequel to his bestseller entitled *The Minimal Self; Psychic Survival in Troubled Times*, in which he once again called for a commitment to political action. Some critics praised its radical stance; others decried the book for unrelieved negativism. Christopher Lasch's last work, *The Revolt of the Elites and the Betrayal of Democracy*, is due to be published this autumn.

He is survived by his wife Nell — the daughter of the historian Henry Steele Commager — two sons and two daughters.

DINAH SHORE

Dinah Shore, singer and actress, died of cancer in Beverly Hills, California, on February 24 aged 76. She was born in Winchester, Tennessee, on March 1, 1917.

PERSONALITY, rather than any exceptional talent, was the quality that made Dinah Shore an award-winning entertainer for half a century. Among her most popular recordings on both sides of the Atlantic were "Yes, My Darling Daughter" (1940), "Blues in the Night" (1942), "I'll Walk Alone" (1944), "Buttons and Bows" (1948) and "Dear Hearts and Gentle People" (1949).

Direct, vivacious, unpretentious and enthusiastic, she became a symbolic Everywoman in the America of the 1950s and 1960s, and appeared four times in a Gallup Poll of the most admired women in the world.

Oddly, though her greatest successes were achieved in front of the television cameras, she failed to charm Hollywood. Shore appeared in *Up in Arms* with Danny Kaye in 1944 and in *Till the Clouds Roll By* in 1946, but her film career was short-lived.

"I bombed as a movie star," she once confessed. "I failed for a lot of reasons. The most important was that I'm not particularly photogenic."

But she could certainly sing. Trading on her homely image and Southern drawl, she recorded some 75 hit records between 1940 and 1955 and was the recipient of ten Emmy Awards. Although her style was condemned by some critics as



"gushy," Shore, with a smokey, low-pitched delivery, possessed the unique talent of making her listeners feel happy.

There were not many Jewish children in the small Tennessee community where Shore was born, and her childhood was further complicated by an attack of polio at the age of two which left her with a damaged right leg. Shore fought back against both handicaps, curing her disability with intensive massage and swimming exercises, and using her personality to be voted the most popular girl in her class.

At the age of 14, having taught herself to sing and play the ukulele, she borrowed her sister's party dress, lied about her age, and accepted a singing engagement at a local night-club. Her parents, who had not been informed of her debut, happened to be in the audience. They let her finish her act before taking her home and later persuaded her that she would do better to concentrate on her education.

Shore went on to gain a degree in sociology from Vanderbilt University, but she was determined to make her career as a singer. While still a second year student she auditioned for a Nashville radio station and was given a 15-minute programme. The theme song of the show was "Dinah," and Shore, who had been born Frances Rose, was known by that name from then on. She adopted it legally in 1944. Her parents persuaded her to finish her education, but she had no sooner graduated in 1938 than she was back in show business, this time on a New York radio station with another aspiring singer by the name of Frank Sinatra.

By 1940 Shore had begun to build a national reputation, singing with Xavier Cugat's orchestra, signing her first recording contract with RCA Victor, and being hired as a vocalist on Eddie Cantor's radio programme. She stayed with Cantor for three years, during which time her recordings of "Yes, My Darling Daughter" and "Blues in the Night" each sold more than a million copies. The latter song established her as a sultry balladeer in the tradition of Ethel Waters and Mildred Bailey, but Shore refused to be limited to a single type of music. "That may be the only reason I've survived," she said later.

Given her own radio show in 1942, Shore began to climb up the popularity charts. She became a favourite with American servicemen during the Second World War, travelling thousands of miles to sing at military bases all over the world and gaining a reputation as an indefatigable performer. Her television debut came in 1951 with *The Dinah Shore Show*, a 15-minute musical programme which was later extended to an hour and was to run for ten years. The show was sponsored by Chevrolet, the American car-maker, and Shore's rendition of the jingle "See the USA in Your Chevrolet" was to become her unofficial theme song.

Having been one of the few female entertainers to have long-term success as hostess of a television variety programme, Shore capitalised on the talent when her singing voice began to fade. She switched tracks in the 1970s to host a series of television talk shows, continuing to do so on cable television as recently as 1991.

Dinah Shore was married in 1943 to the film star George Montgomery. The marriage ended in divorce in 1962, and in the following year she married Maurice Smith, a professional tennis player, in a union that lasted less than a year. Her six-year relationship with actor Burt Reynolds in the 1970s attracted a great deal of publicity, Reynolds being 20 years her junior. She is survived by one son and one daughter.

DONALD DONALDSON

Donald Donaldson, CBE, MVO, AFC, chairman of the Baltic Exchange, 1979-81, died in Guildford on January 20 aged 79. He was born in Calcutta on January 7, 1915.

DONALD DONALDSON, who served in Bomber Command during the Second World War, was the first and only Australian to become chairman of the Baltic Exchange, the world market for the chartering of cargo ships. For 18 years from 1963 he was joint manager of the Australian Wheat Committee (AWC) which, before Britain's entry into the Common Market, was responsible for sales into Europe of more than two million tonnes of wheat annually. It also handled wheat supplies westwards of India, including large sales to Kuwait, Oman and to Egypt.

Donaldson travelled widely for the AWC and was highly respected throughout the markets for his sound and fair dealing. He made a major contribution to good commercial relations between Britain and Australia and his experience was invaluable as chairman of the Baltic Exchange.

Donald Roy Donaldson's was educated at Geelong Grammar School and Brighton Grammar School, Victoria, later qualifying as an accountant. He worked first in the phosphate industry and then for 25 years in the international grain trades.

Donaldson joined the British Phosphate Commissioners in 1936. He was posted to the South Pacific island of Nauru to gain experience of the mining operations. After a year he returned to the central office in Melbourne where in 1940 his career was interrupted by war service. Rejoining the BPC in 1946, he became involved in the considerable shipping operations for the transportation of large quantities of phosphate and sulphur required for Australian and New Zealand agriculture.

In 1949 he was posted to the London Office of the BPC and elected its representative on the Baltic Exchange responsible for negotiating the charter of vessels. He was recalled to Melbourne in 1954 as assistant general manager responsible for distribution throughout Australia and New Zealand.

From London and Melbourne he travelled extensively, endeavouring to increase or to open new sources of supply, with notable success in establishing Mexico as a major supplier of sulphur when the main world sources in the United States were under pressure to meet rising demand.

Donaldson then devoted the next 25 years of his life to the distribution of wheat. In 1958



he joined John Darling, an Australian company. The company was active on the Baltic Exchange and Donaldson was elected its representative.

He was a director of the Grain and Feeds Trades Association and a member of the International Wheat Council on which he advised the Australian government. He was also president of the Baltic and Cereals Charitable Trust and his interest in charities continued after retirement in 1981.

Donald Donaldson had joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1940 and flew with Bomber Command. In 1943 he commanded a Flight of No 460 Squadron and later commanded No 463 Australian Squadron. During an attack on a flying bomb launching site at Prouville in northern France his Lancaster was hit by enemy fighters and burst into flames. All of his seven crew parachuted into enemy territory. Donaldson managed to contact the French Resistance and would not regard as complete any account of his life which did not pay tribute to the French people who at great personal risk sheltered many airmen, in his case a Madame Vignon whose granddaughters brought food to the house on their regular visits concealed in their dolls' prams. The Germans occupied the building opposite.

On his return to England Donaldson was appointed captain of the Governor-General's Flight when the Duke of Gloucester was appointed Governor-General of Australia. In 1945 he flew the Avro York, named *Endeavour* after Captain Cook's vessel, to Australia and flew the duke and duchess over 50,000 miles throughout Australia and the Pacific Islands. After the surrender of the Japanese he flew the Avro York to Singapore to help evacuate PoWs.

Donaldson was awarded the AFC in 1945, appointed MVO in 1946 and CBE in 1981. In 1978 he was granted Freedom of the City of London.

He married in 1948 Una Robertson; they had a daughter and two sons.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Anthony Ashley Cooper, 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury, writer, London, 1671; Victor Hugo, author, Besançon, France, 1802; William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill), showman, Scott County, Iowa, 1846; Emile Coué, psychotherapist, Troyes, France, 1857; Frank Bridge, composer, Brighton, 1879.

DEATHS: Thomas d'Urfey, satirist, London, 1723; Giuseppe Tartini, composer, Padua, 1770; Alexander Geddes, biblical critic, London, 1802; John Philip Kemble, actor-manager, Lausanne, 1823; Alois Senefelder, inventor of lithography, Munich, 1834; Frederick Tennyson, poet, London, 1898; Sir Harry Lauder, comedian, Strathaven, 1950; William Ralph Inge, Dean of St Paul's 1911-1934, Wallingford, 1954; Levi Eshkol, Prime Minister of Israel 1963-69, Jerusalem, 1969; Karl Jaspers, Existentialist philosopher, Basel, 1969.

£1 and £2 bank notes were issued for the first time, 1797.

Napoleon escaped from Elba, 1815.

The first Grand National steeplechase was run at Aintree, 1839.

485 lives were lost when the steamer *Birkenhead* was wrecked off Cape Colony, 1852.

Radar (radio detection and ranging) was first demonstrated by Robert Watson-Watt at Daventry, 1935.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Constantine I, The Great, Roman emperor 312-337 AD, Naissus, Upper Moesia, 274; Edward Cave, publisher, Newton Warwickshire, 1691; James Robinson Planché, dramatist, London, 1796; William George Frederick Cavendish Bentinck, Lord George Bentinck, statesman, Welbeck Abbey, 1802; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, poet, Portland, Maine, 1807; Dame Ellen Terry, actress, Coventry, 1847; Sir Hubert Parry, composer, Bournemouth, 1848; Rudolph Steiner, founder of anthroposophy, Kraljevic, Austria, 1861; Marino Marini, sculptor, Pistoia, Italy, 1901; John Steinbeck, novelist, Salinas, California, 1902.

DEATHS: John Evelyn, diarist, Wotton, Surrey, 1706; John Arbuthnot, physician, mathematician and wit, London, 1735; Samuel Langley, aeronautics pioneer, Aiken, South Carolina, 1906; Adam Sedgwick, geologist, London, 1913; Ivan Pavlov, physiologist, Leningrad, 1936; Peter Behrens, architect, Berlin, 1940; Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, diplomat and writer, Hove, Sussex, 1970.

The first Russian embassy opened in London, 1557.

The British Labour Party was founded, 1900.

The Reichstag fire, Berlin, 1933.

General Franco's rebel Nationalist government was recognised by Britain and France, 1939.

The Gulf War ended after Iraqi troops retreated and Kuwait was liberated, 1991.

Service dinners

Pembroke Yeomanry

The annual dinner of the Pembroke Yeomanry was held last night at the RAC Ranges, Castlemartin, to mark the anniversary of the French surrender at Fishguard. Colonel W.P. Howells, chairman, presided.

Liverpool Scottish Officers' Association

Colonel R.R. Craik, High Sheriff of Lancashire, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Liverpool Scottish Officers' Association last night at Forbes House, Childwall, Liverpool, to mark his year of office as High Sheriff. Major D.S. Evans, chairman, presided. The High Sheriff of Merseyside was among the guests.

Luncheon

HM Government

Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Bute House for The Scotsman.

RUGBY FOOTBALL
BRITISH ARMY'S BIG VICTORY

PARIS, Feb. 25.

The British Army, fielding the most formidable team that has ever worn their colours, were far and away too strong for the French Army, which they beat at the Parc de France here this afternoon by six goals and two tries (36 points) to a penalty goal (3 points). It was a fast, open game, played in firm going before an appreciative gathering of 25,000 people who had come out in the sunshine to watch this fitting resumption of relations that rightly or wrongly have remained suspended ever since 1931. One felt in the enthusiasm of the watchers, even under the clouds of war, that all the old differences were forgotten in the joy of welcoming back a British side, and among the crowded stands were more than 5,000 British troops from the Western Front for whom special travelling facilities had been generously provided by the French authorities. There was, alas, little about the French team to remind them of the old days——a gulf of nine years is not to be bridged in a day——and one could see too clearly all the lessons that must be relearned by a new generation of French players. It was astonishing that they should stand up to a hopeless task so manfully, with a dashing athleticism that kept the game alive to the end, for whereas the British Army had been able to draw on international players from all four unions——all 15 of them were internationals——the French side were selected on the form of last season, mostly from men at the front who, before the weekend, had not touched a ball since the war began . . .

The whole British team gave a delightful display of the game with any amount of drive and strong running with the ball in the open. Many a French attack foundered on V.G.J. Jenkins at full back, who kicked all six goals and belied his claim to being a veteran, but the man of the match was W. Wooller who scored three wonderful tries, all from well inside his own half——once indeed in his own '25'——that earned him a remarkable ovation from the audience. Wooller, for all his now legendary feats, can never have had such a brilliant game. He was still an individualist, but once his devouring stride was under way there was no stopping him, however many Frenchmen beat the air between him and the goal line. His third try was the most extraordinary of all, for after a long run his punt ahead was deflected to the touchline by the full back, but Wooller could still flash across, gather the ball, and outstrip three adversaries in a race for the corner flag.

British Army: V.G.J. Jenkins; E.J. Unwin, P. Cranmer, W. Wooller, and R.H. Guest; F.J. Reynolds and J. Ellis; W.E.N. Davies, W.H. Travers, R.E. Prescott, G.B. Horsburgh, T.F. Huskisson, R.B. Mayne, H.F.M. Sayers and S. Walker.

Referee: Flight Lieutenant C.H. Gadney.

ON THIS DAY
February 26 1940

Paris was reported to be full of British uniforms at the time, from which it is easy to see how the first months of the war came to be called 'the phoney war.'

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NEWS

Clinton tries to salvage peace deal

■ President Clinton acted urgently to salvage the Middle East peace process yesterday after a fanatical Jewish settler took a machinegun to a sacred mosque and killed about 50 men and boys as they knelt in prayer at Hebron.

The deadliest incident since Israel took the West Bank in 1967 unleashed a violent backlash in the occupied territories and threatened last September's peace deal ..... Pages 1, 14

Malaysia snubs trade diplomacy

■ Hopes of an early diplomatic breakthrough to halt a damaging trade boycott by Malaysia and to prevent a crisis developing in relations with Britain were fading last night..... Pages 1, 2

LWT loses fight

London Weekend Television, maker of *Blind Date*, has lost its battle for independence. The broadcaster succumbed to a £771 million hostile takeover bid by Granada..... Pages 1, 21, 23

Royal break-in

A thief has broken into the Prince of Wales's private apartments at St James's Palace and stolen tie-pins, cufflinks and other small personal items..... Page 1

Mother mourns

A mother was in mourning last night for her daughter who died 36 years after going into a coma from which she never fully emerged..... Page 3

Magee freed

Joseph Magee, a terrorist suspect wanted for questioning over the murder of a British Army sergeant, was freed by the High Court in Dublin day after appealing successfully against extradition ..... Page 4

Parents convicted

The parents of a 15-month-old boy who died after a life of neglect were convicted of manslaughter at the Old Bailey..... Page 6

Tax cuts vow

Kenneth Clarke insisted that the Tories would fight local government elections on a platform of low taxation ..... Page 8

Moral teaching

Schools are to be assessed on the moral, spiritual and social values they instil, the chief inspector of schools said ..... Page 9

CIA team rebuffed

A CIA team sent to Moscow to plead for Russia's help in unravelling the new spy scandal was returning to Washington empty-handed last night ..... Page 12

Food running out

Food is disappearing in Kabul, the Afghan capital, eight weeks after anti-government forces blockaded two roads ..... Page 15

Exports win royal seal of approval

■ Selected Americans will be able to buy a slice of British royalty next week with the launch of *The House of Windsor Catalogue*, a 38-page mail-order brochure offering the chance to turn a little house on the prairie into Windsor Castle with a few knick-knacks bearing the royal warrant ..... Page 12



Israeli riot police firing tear gas yesterday as they try to defend themselves against Palestinians throwing stones on a path leading up to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Hebron reports, pages 1, 14

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Wrap up Parliament: Christo sets other decorators an example by paying for his packaging himself ..... Page 17

"Does anyone really think a Russian *mea culpa* and promise to stop spying would protect our security? Or that by cutting off help for Russia we'd do any more than help slice our own throats?"
— *USA Today*

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Bank of England: The Bank stepped in to support the British Government bond market, offering to buy up to £50 million of gilts from the 20 main dealers ..... Page 21

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Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index ended 13.7 points up at 3281.2. $terling's trade-weighted index fell from 80.9 to 80.8 after a drop from DM2.5600 to DM2.5423 but a rise from $1.4802 to $1.4904 ..... Page 24

Winter Olympics: Mark Tout, of Britain, will be hoping to go one better than his silver medal position at the European championships a month ago when the four-man bobsleigh event starts in Lillehammer..... Page 34

Golf: Jack Nicklaus set out to adorn one of his own masterpieces yesterday and ended up painting a moustache on it. Mel Webb reports on the day when the modern game's greatest player missed the cut on a course of his own making ..... Page 38

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Witching hours: A night-time walk in York is enough to make one's hair stand on end ..... Page 7

Deadly art: The Samurai skill of kendo relies as much on tackling one's own fears as overcoming an opponent..... Page 8

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Altman's cuts: Robert Altman, whose much acclaimed new film, *Short Cuts*, opens in Britain next Friday, takes his reputation as Hollywood's most incorrigible subversive lightly. "I just enjoy debunking," he says ..... Page 16

Nijinsky revival: In France, the great Nijinsky's choreography to Richard Strauss's *Til Eulenspiegel* has been dusted down and put back on stage by the Paris Opera Ballet..... Page 16

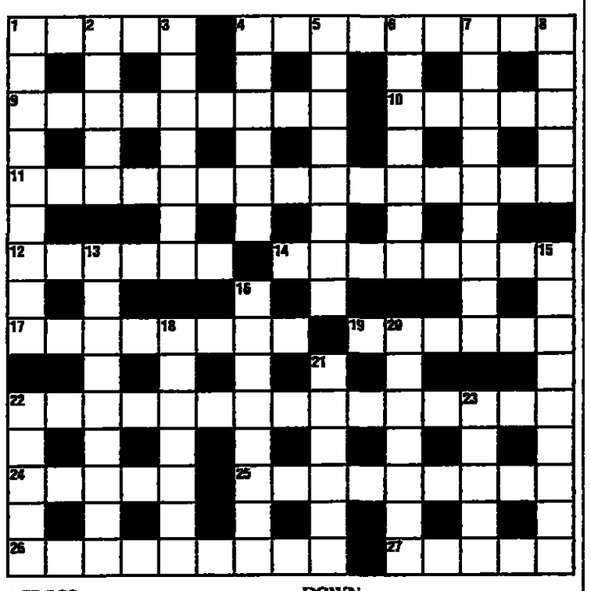
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KNOCKANDO

A bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky uniquely bottled only when at its peak of perfection rather than at a pre-determined age, together with a beautifully crafted stationery rack, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address .....



ACROSS

1 Speculation follows its rejection in central Asia (5).
4 Quite a newspaper — now and then! (9).
9 Able to put out feelers, a number brought down absent king (9).
10 Boredom some consider a rotten nuisance (5).
11 In a huge lark, one lad makes us guffaw! (5,4,1,5).
12 Bribe newspaper to carry lines about Leader of Opposition (6).
14 Perfume the French sell with hesitation (8).
17 Give in, accepting state as pertinent (8).
19 A second-rate woman, or superior? (6).
22 One constantly arguing with thrifty spouse? About right (8,7).
24 Small creature popular in royal house (5).
25 Willing to concur? That's pleasing (9).
26 What Cook may have made of the vanquished? (9).
27 Habitual drunkard hiding sailor's footwear (5).

DOWN

1 T.S. Eliot intially recommended a different betting system (9).
2 Africans forbid a form of address familiar in France (5).
3 Coach in Italy that's stuck in a hole (7).
4 Way to support appeal originally launched in the plant (6).
5 Old-fashioned decoration that's very restrained (8).
6 Rocker driving a machine (7).
7 Rough up new worker in masculine environment (9).
8 Shoot a younger member of the family (5).
13 European fellow going round the ruins of Gaul (9).
15 Re-awakening desire entertained by stern characters (9).
16 Flood occurring during a Continental rendezvous (8).
18 Garrulous boy not unknown to interrupt poetry (7).
20 Freeman required to identify spy (7).
21 The prevailing mood of one of Scrooge's tormentors (6).
22 Rugby forwards detailed to steal from orchard (5).
23 Arrest former pupil — he's made a fortune out east (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,470

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HOW TO SEE THE SKY

TODAY

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
6.52 am	5.35 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
6.32 am	6.42 pm

Last quarter March 4

London 5.35 pm to 6.53 am
Bristol 5.45 pm to 7.02 am
Edinburgh 5.40 pm to 7.12 am
Manchester 5.46 pm to 7.04 am
Penzance 5.58 pm to 7.12 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
6.51 am	5.37 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
6.57 am	8.05 pm

Last quarter March 4

London 5.37 pm to 6.51 am
Bristol 5.47 pm to 7.00 am
Edinburgh 5.42 pm to 7.10 am
Manchester 5.42 pm to 7.02 am
Penzance 6.00 pm to 7.10 am

HIGH AND LOW WATER

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.45	7.25	2.11	7.51
Aberdeen	1.18	4.30	1.26	4.52
Avonmouth	7.17	13.81	7.43	13.83
Belfast	11.03	3.59	11.30	3.32
Cardiff	7.02	12.73	7.28	12.76
Devonport	5.52	5.6	6.19	5.4
Dover	11.02	6.54	11.27	6.65
Falmouth	5.22	5.4	5.49	5.2
Glasgow	1.02	4.5	1.31	4.9
Harwich			12.05	4.00
Holyhead	10.19	5.85	10.40	5.75
Hull	6.26	7.48	6.32	7.61
Ilfracombe	6.01	9.56	6.25	9.63
King's Lynn	6.31	6.7	6.38	7.1
Leith	2.33	5.69	2.51	5.76
Liverpool	11.20	9.78	11.43	9.78
Lowestoft	9.40	2.41	9.40	2.57
Margate			12.15	4.82
Milford Haven	6.16	7.30	6.40	7.30
Newquay	5.06	7.3	5.30	7.3
Oban	5.50	4.1	6.12	4.0
Penzance	4.48	5.7	5.15	5.5
Portland	6.57	2.2	7.25	2.1
Portsmouth	11.22	4.8	11.51	4.9
Shoreham	11.14	6.82	11.40	6.81
Southampton	10.57	4.55	11.25	4.71
Swansea	6.22	9.93	6.44	9.93
Tees	3.44	5.38	3.56	5.64
Wilton-on-Nze	11.56	4.26		

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: A J Coley, Adlington Road, Wilmslow, Cheshire; D J Hurst, Upper Barker Street, Liversedge, West Yorkshire; E Storey, Westwood House, Thorpe Road, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire; J L Crosby, School House, High Street, Bishop Auckland, County Durham; S V Stubbs, Broad Street, Ludlow, Shropshire.

WEATHER

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be cloudy and misty with outbreaks of rain or drizzle. There could be some drier and brighter spells, mainly in the Channel Islands and southeast and northern England. Scotland will be cloudy and windy, with sleet and snow drifting in the strong winds. Over southern parts the sleet will turn to rain, and mostly die out later, with the winds moderating. In Northern Ireland, any drizzle will die out. It will stay cloudy with perhaps rain spreading from the south this evening. Still cold in the North, but milder in the South.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Channel Isles:** mostly cloudy. Patchy rain, but some drier and brighter spells. Wind south moderate. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Central S, SW, E & NW England, Midlands, Wales, Central N:** cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Wind S to SE moderate. Max 11C (52F).

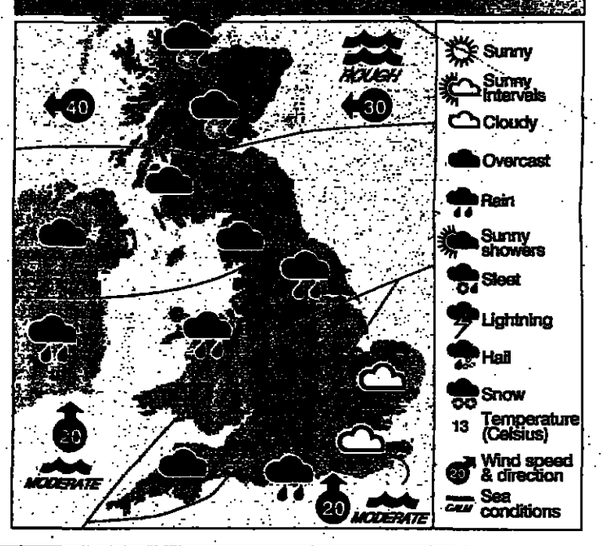
☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, N Ireland:** cloudy. Becoming drier, but rain likely by evening. Wind SE light to moderate. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll:** cloudy. Snow turning to rain. Becoming drier later. Wind E strong to gale, becoming moderate. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE & NW Scotland, Orkney:** cloudy. Sleet and snow, drifting in the strong winds. Wind E strong to gale. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Shetland:** rather cloudy. Some snow showers, but dying out. Wind E fresh to strong. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Outlook:** changeable with further rain at times, with any snow in Scotland turning to rain.

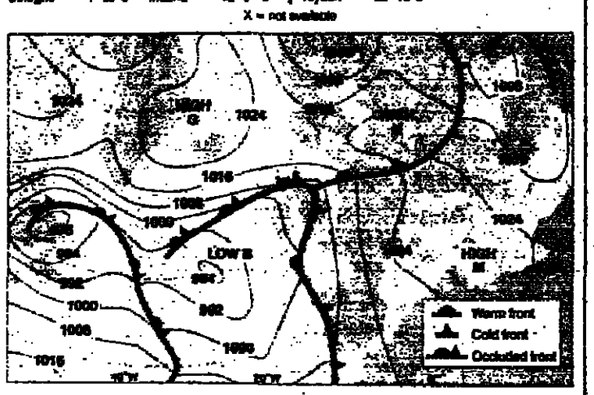


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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.4	0.01	0	32	b	London	-	-	5	41	du
Anglesey	0.6	-	1	34	c	Lowestoft	-	0.17	3	37	du
Aspatria	-	0.02	-1	30	du	Manchester	0.5	-	3	37	c
Aviemore	0.1	-	3	37	c	Margate	X	0.01	5	41	du
Belfast	-	.34	3	37	r	Minehead	-	0.11	4	39	du
Birmingham	-	0.01	2	36	du	Morecambe	0.2	-	4	39	du
Bognor R	-	0.02	7	45	c	Newcastle	-	0.18	3	37	c
Bournem'th	-	0.17	6	43	c	Norwich	-	0.12	2	36	c
Bristol	-	0.03	4	39	d	Nottingham	-	X	2	36	c
Buxton	0.1	0.31	1	34	c	Penzance	2.0	0.24	11	52	sh
Cardiff	0.1	0.05	3	37	d	Plymouth	-	0.32	8	46	du
Clacton	-	0.17	4	39	c	Poole	-	0.14	6	43	du
Cleethorpes	X					Rhos-o-wye	-	0.01	3	37	du
Colwyn Bay	X					Ryde	X				
Cromer	-	0.18	2	36	sn	Salcombe	X				
Dunbar	X					Sandown	-	0.05	7	45	du
Eastbourne	-	0.05	8	46	du	Sharon End	-	0.01	7	45	c
Edinburgh	3.6	0.06	5	41	h	Scarboro'	-	0.07	2	36	du
Eskdalemuir	3.4	0.16	2	36	sn	Stilly Isles	1.9	0.12	11	52	b
Exmouth	-	0.20	8	43	d	Strathclyde	-	0.11	7	45	du
Falmouth	X	0.24	9	48	c	Skegness	X				
Glasgow	0.8	0.05	5	41	c	Southend	X				
Guernsey	-	0.32	11	52	c	Southport	-	-	3	37	c
Hastings	-	-	7	45	c	Southsea	-	0.05	7	45	c
Hayling L	X					Stornoway	4.7	0.01	6	43	sh
Herne Bay	-	0.02	5	41	du	Swanage	-	0.20	7	45	du
Howe	0.6	0.02	7	45	c	Teignmouth	-	0.31	7	45	du
Hunstanton	-	0.22	3	37	c	Tenby	-	0.02	5	41	c
Isle of Man	-	-	5	41	c	Tiree	0.2	0.02	5	41	c
Jersey	2.3	0.21	11	52	c	Torquay	-	0.30	8	46	du
Kinloss	-	0.09	2	36	sn	Tynemouth	-	0.18	4	39	r
Leeds	-	0.04	3	37	c	Ventnor	-	0.05	6	43	du
Lerwick	3.7	0.13	3	37	h	Weston-s-mare	0.3	0.02	7	45	du
Leuchars	2.0	0.03	5	41	sh	Weymouth	-	0.22	8	45	d
Littlehmptn	0.4	0.01	7	45	c	Wick	X				
Liverpool	-	-	3	37	du	These are Thursday's figures					

Ajaccio	15	59	s	C'phgn	1	34	c	Majorca	13	55	s	Rome	15	59	s
Alicante	17	63	s	Corfu	15	59	f	Malaga	17	63	s	Salzburg	5	41	c
Alex'dria	23	73	s	Dublin	4	39	r	Malta	17	63	s	S Pdiaco	11	52	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Dubrovnik	15	59	s	Melb'rne	18	64	c	Santiago	27	81	s
Amst'dm	2	36	c	Faro	14	57	f	Mexico C	28	88	f	S Paulo	31	88	c
Athens	19	66	s	Florence	15	59	s	Miami	29	84	f	Seoul	7	45	f
Bahrain	18	64	s	Frankfurt	7	45	c	Milan	8	46	s	Singapr	31	88	f
Bangkok	34	93	s	Funchal	17	63	s	Montreal	-9	16	sn	St'kholm	-4	25	s
Barbados	28	79	f	Geneva	12	54	f	Moscow	-6	28	sn	Strasbrg	10	50	c
Barcelona	17	63	s	Gibraltar	17	63	s	Munich	6	43	r	Sydney	28	79	s
Beirut	18	64	f	Helsinki	-7	19	sn	Nairobi	27	81	f	Tangier	20	68	s
Belgrade	2	36	r	Hong K	13	55	f	Naples	17	63	f	Tel Aviv	18	64	s
Berlin	1	34	c	Innsbruck	8	46	f	N Delhi	21	70	s	Tenerife	20	68	s
Bermuda	24	75	s	Istanbul	9	48	f	N York	3	37	s	Tokyo	11	52	c
Biarritz	21	70	s	Jeddah	29	84	s	Nice	15	59	s	Toron	20	68	s
Borde'x	16	61	s	Jo'burg	24	75	f	Oslo	0	32	s	Valencia	18	64	s
Brussels	2	36	c	L Palmas	19	66	s	Paris	10	50	c	Vanc'ver	1	34	f
Budapst	9	48	s	Le Touq	6	43	f	Peking	5	41	s	Venice	8	46	c
B Aires	30	86	s	Lisbon	18	61	c	Perth	38	100	c	Vienna	11	52	s
Cairo	23	73	s	Locarno	12	54	s	Prague	6	43	c	Warsaw	0	32	s
Cape Tn	36	97	s	L Angels	17	63	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	s	Wash'ton	30	86	s
Chicago	-7	19	s	Luxemb'g	6	43	c	Rhodes	19	66	f	Wel'ngton	25	77	s
Ch'church	20	68	s	Lyon	23	73	s	Rio de J	30	86	s	Zurich	10	50	f
Cologne	4	39	c	Madrid	12	54	s	Riyadh	23	73	s				

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Bank of England supports gilts market

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of England stepped in to support the bond market, offering to buy up to £50 million of gilts from the 20 primary dealers under increasing pressure as prices went into freefall on Thursday.

Gilt professionals said they remembered only two other occasions when the Bank launched such an operation — Black Wednesday and when the Falklands war was announced.

Although the Bank declined to comment on its operations, it is believed it made the offer to buy stock on Thursday and executed purchases late on Thursday and early yesterday. Its purchases are believed to have included some of this week's auction stock.

It is not known how many primary dealers took up the Bank's offer to buy gilts but its willingness to take on stock clearly helped the market. The long gilt future had lost 8 points in a month, a dramatic drop, but ended a point higher yesterday, outperforming other European bond markets.

Simon Briscoe, economist at SG Warburg, said there truly was a crisis in the gilt market on Thursday when the long gilt future lost 2¾ points, the largest single-day loss for more than seven years,

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and the Bank had to act because of a "real danger of fundamental liquidity problems".

UK gilts, with other world bond markets, have taken a battering as huge, highly leveraged hedge funds have sold billions' worth of stock. Mr Briscoe said these multi-billion pound funds brought a frightening element into the market. "There is a huge, unknown grey power out there and you have to be terribly brave."

John Sheppard of Yamaichi International Europe said market-makers had been marking down prices savagely on Thursday in the absence of any end demand from investors, who are keeping their heads down until the market "returns to normality". It is thought the Bank launched its support operation both because of fears about liquidity and potentially large losses at some gilts houses.

There were hopes that the bounce in prices could signal the end of the turmoil but there is still enormous uncertainty because the activities of the hedge funds, controlling hundreds of billions, are secret and unpredictable.

Nevertheless, gilt-edged market-makers said there was a widespread feeling that the market now represents extremely good value with yields up a full per cent in the last six weeks.



MARC ASPLAND

Cornered: Sir Christopher Bland, LWT's chairman, at the company's South Bank headquarters yesterday after conceding victory to Granada

LWT succumbs to £770m Granada takeover bid

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE London weekend television franchise is firmly in the hands of Granada Group, the maker of *Coronation Street* and broadcaster to the North West, after the success last night of Granada's £771 million takeover bid for LWT.

Gerry Robinson, Granada's chief executive, and Sir Christopher Bland, the LWT chairman, will meet at LWT's South Bank headquarters on Monday to discuss the company's future. Sir Christopher will not be remaining with the business.

Mr Robinson, welcomed victory after a bid battle that had run almost three months, but refused to say what redundancies or cost savings the London station could expect until he had discussed the matter with LWT.

He said there was duplication on the administrative side that would give rise to savings through job losses. "Exactly how the thing will pan out in the long term has yet to be decided. That's certainly something we will look at in due course."

He refused to comment on whether there would be job losses among LWT's programme-making staff. But he said the two stations would remain as two separate franchises. "You can't run the Manchester station in London, or the London station from Manchester."

Granada said that by 2.25pm yesterday, 35 minutes before the bid officially closed, it had gathered acceptances representing 40.3 per cent of LWT's share capital. Granada already owned 17.5 per cent, and the resulting 57.8 per cent enabled the victor to declare the bid unconditional.

By Thursday night, after the key acceptance of the bid by Mercury Asset Management (MAM), LWT's biggest institutional shareholder, with 14.2 per cent, Granada's advisers were confident that they had about 56 per cent of LWT sewn up. The eventual count exceeded their expectations.

They were assisted by the sale in the market of more than 3 per cent of LWT, mainly, it is thought, by AMP, the institutional investor. These shares were snapped up by arbitrageurs, keen to make a turn on the 10p or so between the LWT price and the value of the terms. Some of these had apparently accepted by the time the offer went unconditional.

Mr Robinson said the majority had taken Granada's part-shares, part-cash offer, which by last night's close valued LWT at 740p a share. Only a "very, very small" proportion had accepted the 686p cash alternative.

The decision on Thursday by Carol Galley, an executive director of MAM, to throw the firm's vote on to Granada's side left some in the LWT camp conceding privately that they could not win. As shares changed hands in the market yesterday, optimism on the South Bank increased again. But Sir Christopher was quick to concede defeat once the result was known.

"I have congratulated them [Granada] on acquiring a great company at what I believe will prove a great price," he said. "We are obviously disappointed not to have retained our independence."

Mr Robinson conceded that at times during the bid battle, which was interrupted by Office of Fair Trading deliberations on the merged group's share of the airtime sales market, he had feared defeat. "I almost feel I have overpaid," he said. "I think it's a price that's sensible with relation to what we can do in this industry." Alex Bernstein, Granada's chairman, said: "We look forward to the new, enlarged television division becoming a major force in the industry, not only in the UK but also overseas."

Several of LWT's key staff, including Greg Dyke, the chief executive, had let it be known that they would leave the station should Granada take control. Mr Robinson said he had "a very high regard" for Mr Dyke's talents, and his future would be one subject under discussion on Monday.

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Carol Galley threw MAM's weight behind the bid

Fixed-rate mortgages to become dearer

BY SARA MCCONNELL
PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

DEARER fixed-rate mortgages are on the way. Lenders have had to withdraw fixed rates, to replace them with costlier ones or suspend them, after a surge in the cost of borrowing from money markets.

Yesterday, the Bradford & Bingley, Britannia and Cheltenham & Gloucester building societies, and National Westminster Bank and Royal Bank of Scotland, suspended most of their fixed rates. The National & Provincial and Leeds Permanent societies have new rates, up to 0.4 per cent above the previous ones. The Woolwich's new higher rate — 7.25 per cent for three years — replaces three withdrawn ones.

The Halifax said on Thursday that it was replacing existing loans with dearer ones.

Lloyds Bank and Midland Bank were the only lenders so far to commit themselves to maintain their current stock of fixed rates. Lloyds has a 10-year rate of 8.25 per cent and a 25-year rate of 9.25 per cent.

Many lenders were caught short by money markets' unexpected rise because they had not funded fixed rates in advance, said Ian Darby, of John Charcol, the mortgage broker. Instead, they had made sure that borrowers wanted to borrow at a rate at which lenders wanted to lend, and then went to money markets to fund the demand, thus avoiding being left with expensive money that they could not lend at a profit if interest rates fell.

Eamonn Ferrin, of Bradford & Bingley, said: "Most people thought rates would come down. They took the view they didn't have to make swaps immediately. The majority of people were unhedged."

The Bradford & Bingley now has only one fixed rate for first-time buyers, of 4.99 per cent until the end of May 1995. The N & P has a range of fixed rates on average 0.39 per cent higher than its old ones.

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Losers walk away with £75 million

BY JON ASHWORTH

FORTY directors and managers of London Weekend Television, maker of *Blind Date* and *London's Burning*, stand to share £75 million after Granada's victory.

Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of LWT, holds shares worth more than £14 million. Greg Dyke, who joined as chief executive after reviving the fortunes of breakfast channel TV-am, has a stake worth £9.3 million, making him one of four big winners in the LWT payout. Melvyn Bragg, the presenter, is likely to net nearly £3 million on an initial investment of just £32,000.

The windfalls, thought to be the biggest in British takeover history, are the result of a controversial "golden handcuff" scheme, whereby senior LWT staff were offered substantial share options as a reward for staying with the company while LWT was fighting to win the London weekend television franchise. The men, who spent thousands of their own money buying LWT shares at 89p in 1989, hit the jackpot last September after performance-related targets were met.

Sir Christopher, who invested £296,000, found himself sitting on a paper fortune of £7.1 million after a five-fold rise in the value of the shares. Hostile overtures by Granada sent the shares through the roof and doubled his fortune again. Sir Christopher is almost certain to quit, taking with him his slice of the so-called "go-to-hell" money. Ron Miller, LWT's sales director, holds 1.2 million shares worth £8.89 million. The fourth member of the winning quartet, deputy chairman Brian Tesler, has a shareholding worth £9.4 million.

Other big winners in the pay-off include Nick Elliott, director of programmes, who holds shares worth £3.4 million; Robin Paxton, controller of current affairs, with a stake worth £2.4 million; Mike Southgate, managing director of London studios with £2.2 million, and Barry Cox, director of corporate affairs, with £2.1 million. Neil Canetty-Clarke, finance director, has shares worth £741,000 and Graham Howell, company secretary, is sitting on £370,500. Some of the spoils were redistributed last year, after more than 550 angry LWT staff petitioned for a share in the profits.

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Sir Owen versus the Great and the Good



MELVYN MARCKUS

CONGRATULATIONS to Sir Owen Green, architect and former chairman of BTR, on the excellent lecture, entitled *Corporate Governance — Great Expectations*, which he delivered to the Institute of Directors earlier this week. I appreciate that Green's paper has already received a not insignificant amount of coverage but, I would venture, one can't have too much of a good thing. And good things, when it comes to industrialists' perspectives on corporate governance, are rare indeed.

Green identifies major governance problems as:

☐ The growth in size and international nature of corporations;

☐ The widening separation of management from shareholding;

☐ A lack of distinction between the serenity of a professional auditing function and the frenetics of the world of accounting; and

☐ The perceived inadequacies in the administration of laws governing the corporate world.

Green let it be known that his first impression of the draft Cadbury Report was that it was "long on accountability but short on drive and efficiency". The final version altered that view "a little", although, judging from the tenor of his words, not a lot.

One of Green's key premises is that the role of auditor should be strengthened, and his independence fortified, by adequate professional and commercial protection.

This, he argues, will release the non-executive director from his "Cadburian watchdog role" and "restore him to one of constructive contribution to a unitary board's activities".

The Cadbury Report states that the framework in which auditors operate is not well designed to provide objectivity because:

☐ Accounting standards, currently, allow too much scope for presentation and auditors can't stand firm against their client's choice of accounting treatment if that is within permitted standards.

Why, asks Green, might auditors wish to "stand firm"? If their objection is strong enough, why would they not seek to add a rider to their report? Why are so many bodies currently engaged in producing new standards, often additional and usually controversial? Who is seeking these innovations? Is it the shareholders in whose interests, mainly if not exclusively, these standards exist? In Green's words: "Have we not arrived at a point at which the average investor — even the average analyst — is bemused by a growing complex of figures accompanied by ever lengthening notes couched in professional language, supported by a chairman's report, a chief executive's report, a finance director's statement, an environmental report and now a corporate governance statement?"

☐ Auditors have to work closely with management and will wish to have a constructive relationship with their clients.

At this point, Green rolls up his sleeves. "It is indeed sad to read words, the barely concealed meaning of which infer that auditors are hired by managements whose wishes are to be taken as instructions, provided they do not breach the broad and versatile accounting standards."

Green quotes Cadbury: "To the extent, however, that audit firms compete on price and on meeting the needs of their clients, this may be at the expense of meeting the needs of the shareholders." As Green, an accountant himself, puts it: "These reflections offered by 12 good men and true indicate, the level of general regard to which the auditing profession has fallen ... A depth review of the auditing profession is well overdue." Play it again, Sir Owen.

Green has long campaigned against boardroom greed, and time, thankfully, has done nothing to soften his attitude or choice of adjectives. It is not rare for compensation to comprise three elements: the salary, the bonus and the share option. Green describes the bonus as "a hangover from pre share option days" and points out that the combination of the two represents "a double dip into the barrel". But, as Green rightly remarks, such items are not necessarily the sum of the packages which frequently include pension adjustments (met by the company), termination provisions (often indiscriminate as to entitlement) and "signing-on fees reducing the status of top executives to that of professional footballers". Green recommends — as a first measure for moderation — total disclosure of *all* benefits enjoyed by leading executives along the lines of the Washington-based Securities & Exchange Commission's compensation tables. And, he asks, might not certain bodies be "shamed" into disapproving excessive remuneration packages; such as Government departments, the Honours committee (well aimed), the IoD, the CBI, by the media (I'm typing as fast as I can) and by society "in a demonstrable lack of regard for that over-indulgence".

Cadbury's suggestion of remuneration committees of non-executive directors "is demonstrably not a solution".

Now for the judiciary. The lack of success in law enforcement is perceived as "a matter of general concern". The Government should note Green's withering indictment: "There is a widely held impression that the judiciary regard fraud and other financial offences as having an abstract quality as expressed by the view of insider trading as a victimless crime."

The production of codes may have attractions, "but like any quick-paste job they are unlikely to stand the test of time." How much better would it be, argues Green, if efforts were directed "towards identifying the criminal, as they do in the US, rather than rolling out more coded regulations "which burden the innocent and do little to turn the intent of the wrongdoer".

Green's great fear, in the wake of Cadbury, is that the introduction, *de facto*, of "the upper tier Teutonic shield of the Great and the Good" will not be long delayed. Industrialists and shareholders will ignore his warning at their peril.

Ex-director who aided BCCI fined £120,000

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER company managing director was fined a total of £120,000 for helping the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International to bump up its profits and to deceive auditors checking its financial health.

Mohammed Abdul Baqi was convicted on six counts of conspiring to furnish false information. He had signed a series of letters confirming that his company owed BCCI about £60 million, Brian Barker QC, prosecuting, told the Old Bailey.

But the letters "were untrue and insupportable and would clearly affect the approach of auditors assessing the financial position of the bank", Mr Barker said.

The Common Serjeant of London, Judge Neil Denison, said he would not send Baqi to jail. He accepted that he had acted under pressure and was "used by men far more powerful than you — and those men have escaped justice".

Baqi, 66, formerly the managing director of Attock Oil, from Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, had denied the charges.

The judge said that until the offences, Baqi had been "a man of exemplary character, who had a long and distinguished career in the oil industry". He accepted that he had had "no intention to inflict loss on others or had gained financial advantage for himself". Baqi was now a "broken man" and in poor health, said Stephen Solley, QC, his counsel. He could no longer afford to live in Britain and intended to return to his native Pakistan.

"He was a distinguished man led astray by others — he was put upon."

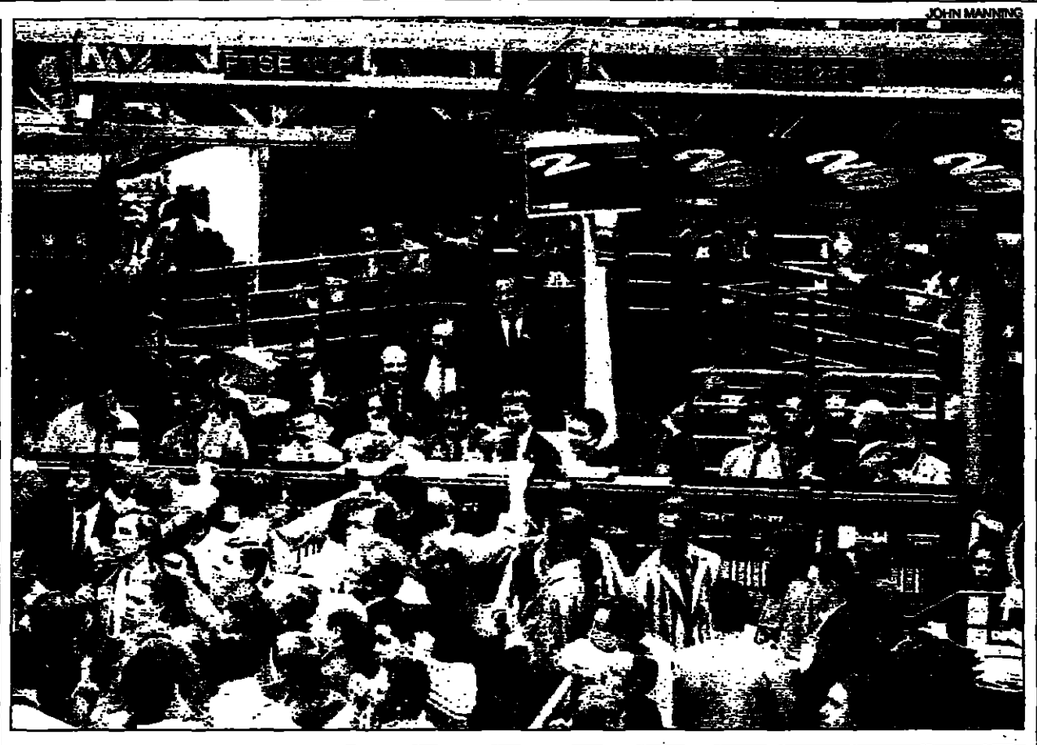
Baqi was ordered to pay £50,000 towards prosecution costs and £70,000 in legal aid contributions.

When he opened the case, Mr Barker said the main perpetrator of the fraud had been Basheer Chowdry, a former manager of BCCI's UK division. After the bank had collapsed, Chowdry had left Britain for Pakistan. Mr Barker said BCCI had had good reason to want to give a "glowing picture of health to its auditors".

In June 1991, the bank had collapsed with "enormous consequences around the world". Criminal enquiries had followed in Britain and in several other countries.

Many of BCCI's activities were based in London and the case against Baqi arose from investigations in the UK, Mr Barker said.

JOHN MANNING



In the scrum: Will Carling, the England rugby captain, helped the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) to kick off an important futures contract yesterday. Mr Carling rang the bell to mark the start of a new futures contract allowing dealers to invest in the direction of the FT-SE Mid 250 index of middle-ranking companies. Nick Durlacher, Liffe's chairman, said: "We are delighted to see the launch of the FT-SE 250 futures contract, which will provide our largely institutional membership and their clients — and in particular fund managers — with the opportunity to effectively manage their exposure to mid-range capitalisation stocks."

Non-EC trade deficit widens

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S trade deficit with countries outside the European Community widened in January, reinforcing fears that exports are beginning to flag while imports continue to grow.

The visible deficit with non-EC countries widened to £758 million from £671 million in December, the Central Statistical Office (CSO) reported. Excluding oil and erratics such as aircraft and precious stones, export volumes fell by 0.5 per cent in the three months to January, compared with the previous three months, while imports rose by 3.5 per cent.

The CSO said that the overall trend in visible trade outside the EC had changed little over recent months. Deficits have clustered around the £700 million-a-month mark for a while. However, there is concern in the City that exports even to some of the fast-growing economies outside Europe are slowing and that the picture in Europe may be even worse. These figures, which cover nearly two-thirds of all British trade, are released later due to continuing delays in the Intrastat data collection system.

The Confederation of British Industry's latest monthly trends enquiry showed a strong increase in total order books, but export order books slipped back a little in February, having improved at the tail-end of 1993. Robert Lind, of UBS, said: "The recent flattening of the trend in this series suggests that firms are still struggling in weak European markets".

Mine workshop closure will cost 262 jobs

ONE of two remaining British Coal mine workshops is to close with the loss of 262 jobs. Mechanics and electricians at the Bestwood Mine Service Centre, near Nottingham, are voting on Monday on whether to accept the decision. British Coal said closure of collieries and increased reliability of mining equipment meant it was not economically possible to keep Bestwood open. The workshop is understood to be losing £100,000 a month.

Union leaders are convinced that a second mine service centre at Tursdale, County Durham, which employs 200 people, is set to suffer the same fate. A review meeting is scheduled for Tursdale on Monday. The Union of Democratic Mineworkers, which represents all but 40 Bestwood employees, said: "It's another kick in the teeth for people who have been loyal and tried desperately hard."

MAI sells French stake

MAI, the international media and information group led by Lord Hollick, has sold its 3 per cent convertible bondholding in Havas, the French media group, for Fr391 million (£45.46 million) cash. The bonds, with a nominal value of Fr334 million, were issued to MAI in December 1992 after the exchange of its remaining shares in Aveair Havas Media, the European outdoor advertising business. The proceeds will be used for "general corporate purposes".

Cahill contract near end

JOHN Cahill's service contract with British Aerospace will be ended on March 31, the group said yesterday when it announced an extraordinary general meeting on March 15 to approve increasing its borrowing power from 1.5 times adjusted capital and reserves to 2.5 times. Mr Cahill will remain BAe chairman until the next annual meeting, when Bob Bauman is to become part-time non-executive chairman. BAe's credit capacity will increase with Rover's sale to BMW.

Chez Gerard flotation

GROUPE Chez Gerard, the London restaurant company, is to go public late next month with an expected stock market value of more than £17 million, probably via a placing with institutional investors. Greig Middleton has been appointed as financial adviser and stockbroker. The company, which owns six restaurants in central London, made pre-tax profits of £942,000 in the year to June 30, 1993 (£585,700). The flotation proceeds will be invested in further restaurants.

Burton revamps board

BURTON, the leading fashion retailer, has instigated a wide-ranging boardroom shake-up designed to speed up its pace of recovery (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Stuart Rose, currently managing director of Dorothy Perkins, is promoted to the main board where he will take on the role of chief executive of Dorothy Perkins as well as Burton, Evans and IS, the group's discount format. Terry Green, the present chief executive of Debenhams, will take responsibility for Top Shop and Top Man.

Richard Maney, who was managing director of Harvey Nichols when it was owned by Burton in the 1980s, returns to the group, although not to the board, to become managing director of the struggling Principles chain after the departure of Robert Jenkins earlier this week. Tempus, page 23

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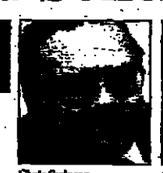
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GRANADA: **Alex Bernstein and Gerry Robinson**

Winners take all in the ultimate screen test

partners in power

The men who battered down LWT's defences were steeled in the struggle to get their own firm back on track. Susan Gilchrist reports



STEPHEN MARKESON

Bernstein, right, is shy and cautious and has been in the "family firm" all his life. Robinson is ebullient and impatient, an outsider who met hostility at Granada

When you win, nothing hurts. Just ask Alex Bernstein and Gerry Robinson, of Granada. For the past 81 days, the pair have endured the intense pressures of a hostile bid as they battled for control of LWT, the rival broadcaster. They have withstood blows from the opposition, the heavy burden of uncertainty, the unrelenting scrutiny of the City and the gruelling rounds of presentations to institutional shareholders. Today, all that has been forgotten as they emerge as two of the most powerful men in British television.

They are both assured of their place at the forefront of the broadcasting industry, but their starting-points could not have been more different. Mr Bernstein, 57, Granada's chairman since 1979, is the nephew of the legendary Sidney Bernstein, the company's founder, and has spent his entire working life in the "family firm". Mr Robinson, 45, is the son of a Donegal carpenter, the ninth of ten children, who set out to become a Catholic priest before qualifying as an accountant and dragging his way up the corporate ladder via Grand Metropolitan and Compass.

Their hugely divergent backgrounds are reflected in their different demeanours. Mr Bernstein is reticent and shy, always polite but invariably aloof, while Mr Robinson has a beguiling Irish charm with the unerring quality of making even the most illogical premise sound rational and even desirable. Despite the differences, there was a meeting of minds when they first met in the summer of 1991. Mr Bernstein was looking for a new chief executive after the enforced departure of Derek Lewis. Granada had been going through a torrid time. Ill-judged diversification had led to falling profits, a cut dividend and an unpopular rights issue, and Mr Bernstein knew he had no room for error in the appointment of a new right-hand man.

> 'If you bring in somebody new but don't want to ruffle feathers, you are on a hiding to nothing'

A headhunter recommended Mr Robinson and the two met for dinner at Claridge's. "I had seen a lot of good candidates," Mr Bernstein says, "but when I met Gerry, I knew he was a different calibre to the others. Within the first ten minutes, I knew he was the right one." Nevertheless, there were several more meetings before a formal offer was made.

Mr Bernstein may have been convinced about his choice, but the television luvvies recoiled in horror at the appointment of what they saw as this bean-counting philistine. After all, this was the station that produced *The Jewel in the Crown* and *Brideshead Revisited* and was populated by television luminaries who were highly skilled in letting off esteem. Their paranoia was fuelled further by Mr Robinson's sacking of David Plowright, head of Granada Television and one of the aristocrats of the industry. John Cleese, memorably if rather ineloquently, sent a fax to Mr Robinson, saying: "F*** off out of it, you ignorant upstart caterer." Even Mr Bernstein, who expected considerable hostility, admits to being surprised by Mr Cleese's terse contribution.

He shared none of the qualms about appointing an outsider. "Gerry's great strength is that he is able to analyse what the main issues are and go for them while ignoring the extraneous and irrelevant ones." This penetrating lucidity has been invaluable during the bid for LWT. "When you are surrounded by so many advisers, all giving conflicting advice, it is good to have someone who can come to a clear decision."

He believes Mr Robinson's objectivity complements his experience of Granada's different businesses, which span television rental and leisure, as well as broadcasting. "The combination works. I have been around a long time and I know a lot of the hidden mysteries and have absorbed a lot by osmosis. But equally, you have to be awfully careful not to look back with nostalgia, because the world, particularly in television, has changed." He says his willingness to adapt and move with the times stems from seeing the business held back by his uncle's reluctance in later years to accept change. He does not want to make the same mistake and fall victim to the belief that you can't teach an old dogma new tricks.

Although he has agreed with the widespread changes made by his chief executive in the past two and a half years, he admits he has sometimes felt uncomfortable about the speed of it. "I think some of the management changes, for example, may have happened more quickly than I would have liked, but in hindsight I think Gerry was right." He also jokes that he was against the timing of the launch of the bid for LWT: "It certainly ruined my skiing holiday."

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GERRY ROBINSON was not actively looking to move when he received the approach from Granada and confesses that his knowledge of the company was limited to *Coronation Street* and "a vague feeling that they ran the motorway service stations".

However, he was drawn both by the challenge of turning the business round and by the freedom of action Mr Bernstein promised him. "If you want to bring in somebody new but don't want to ruffle any feathers," he says, "then I believe you are on a hiding to nothing. Alex and I had a very realistic debate about that."

In the event, this was just as well. Feathers were not so much ruffled as plucked. "Alex was brilliant during that time, particularly after the sacking of David Plowright, which caused the most furore.

"He was very calm and very supportive. He never flinched. But at the same time, he made me think very long and hard about the David situation — quite correctly."

This reflects their different styles. While Mr Robinson is impatient, eager to take a decision and run with it, Mr Bernstein is more cautious, preferring to deliberate quietly and carefully before embarking on a course of action. "I am sure there must have been times when he must have been driven mad by my impatience," Mr Robinson says.

"But it is a useful combination to have one person saying, 'Oh God, let's not wait, let's just do it', balanced by another saying 'Well, hang on, let's think about this'. If someone says to me that things are going to be great next year, my response is, why aren't they going to be great this year?" In his business life, it seems, Mr Robinson is the type of person for whom instant gratification takes too long.

It is perhaps why he tends to have a more optimistic attitude than his chairman. He admits he believed an agreed deal with Sir Christopher Bland and Greg Dyke, the chairman and the chief executive of LWT, was always possible.

He says: "I didn't think they were going to like it, but I thought we stood a reasonable chance of getting into discussions. Alex was never optimistic, and, unfortunately, he turned out to be right." But then, if it were not for the optimist, the pessimist would never know how happy he wasn't.

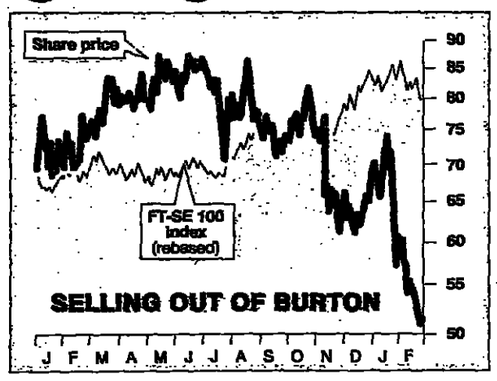
Mr Robinson is, however, clear about one thing. "Of the two of us, the person who has made it work is Alex. It must be balls-aching to have some smart-arse come in who knows bugger-all about the industry when you have been in it for years and who wants to change everything.

"Yet he has allowed me to do what I wanted at times when he must have felt I was either wrong or would have been better leaving it. He must have bitten his tongue many, many times. That requires real strength of character."

This weekend, Sir Christopher and Mr Dyke are probably having to draw on even greater strength of character as they see independence slip from their grasp. As great fighters through the ages know, defeat is worse than death, because you have to live with defeat.

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Retail recovery story looks to be going for a Burton



BURTON was supposed to be the next recovery story after investors had taken profits from the likes of Next, Storehouse and Sears. But in recent months it has become clear that the recovery timetable has slipped. Yesterday's board and management reorganisation was aimed at getting back on schedule.

It will not be easy. Burton's strategy of reducing its promotional activity is proving difficult. More aggressive opening price points, designed to encourage consumers to pay full price, have hit margins and on occasions the group is still forced to resort to discounting.

While new formats are starting to work well in Burtons and Dorothy Perkins, the vital overhauls at *Top Shop/Top Man* and Principles have failed to deliver the required results. These two chains are undoubtedly still losing money, which means that a third of the multiples are backfiring.

The revamp at Principles suffered from being too narrowly focused and perhaps too slick, thereby intimidating its core customers. The fact that John Hoerner, chief executive, has brought in a new managing director suggests he has decided against closing the chain — at least for the time being — and has resisted taking a sizable exceptional hit, as Sears did when it shut hundreds of British Shoe stores. His options are limited by the fact that the shop leases are assigned to the group, which makes an MBO a non-starter, and include an open trading clause. But if the new MD cannot get the chain into the black, the closure card may still have to be played. While the recovery story is still there, the road will continue to be rocky.

Trusts

THE big question for many private investors is whether investment trusts will continue to outperform unit trusts. Last year, and over the past three, five, ten and 15 year periods, shares in the corporate vehicles have outperformed the units on a net asset value total return basis. However, much of that marginal gain is due to shrinking discounts to net asset value, say the gurus of the investment trust sector at NatWest Securities.

Traditionally, investment trust shares traded at substantial discounts, often as high as 25 per cent, to the value of the underlying securities. That gap has been narrowing in recent years as private investors have bought the stock as a cheap route into a basket of blue chip shares, and many trust shares now sell at premiums to net asset value. NatWest is warning that the erosion of the discount is a one-off gain, leaving the trusts with little fat to cushion them from a sharp fall in asset values.

The loss of the discount has not made NatWest a seller of the sector. It remains a selective buyer. The funds still own most of the sector and helped its rise by not selling their holdings into the wave of private buying. However, the rationale for buying the trusts has changed: fund managers will use them to subcontract investment decisions to specialists, suggesting that the best opportunities may be in emerging market funds. Longer term, NatWest reckons investment trusts have a rosy future, courting the discretionary savings market of Britain's A, B and C1 population, who are no longer relying on the state for a secure future.

BICC

YESTERDAY was an excellent day to kick BICC, in the wake of the "Death of a Princess"-style row with the Malaysian government, and Credit Lyonnais Laing was clearly in the mood to kick. It was a downgrading from that broker, and the inevitable fragility of sentiment in today's markets, that sent BICC into such a sharp reverse, rather than the actual damage from any rift with Malaysia.

BICC's Balfour Beatty offshoot is, of course, involved with the Pergau dam itself, with half of a total contract worth £410 million, but there is no suggestion that the work will now stop or payments cease.

Balfour Beatty's other exposure in Malaysia is for preliminary work on the now-dubious airport contract at Kuala Lumpur; it has a third of a £70 million contract, hardly significant numbers for a firm of that size, and again that work will continue. The market has expressed its displeasure at the potential loss of £2 billion of work on the airport proper, a perverse view as that contract is as yet a long way from being in the bag.

BICC's travails of recent years have left the price vulnerable to short-term sentiment, and it is always the first to move when news breaks on any big infrastructure contract in which it might have hopes. Figures for 1993 are due in less than a fortnight, and the market is looking for £105 million pretax. CLL was merely bringing its 1994 figures to £125 million, in line with other brokers.

The shares sell on 24 times this year's earnings but still have the support of a 5.5 per cent yield, even though dividends both this year and last will be uncovered. Any further response to political turbulence looks overdone.

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Bid talk gives speculators a taste for United Biscuits

STOCK MARKET

SPECULATIVE buying lifted **United Biscuits**, the McVities and Crawfords' food group, 10p to 337p as hopes were revived that a bid for the company may be on the way at last.

By the close of business last night almost 2 million shares had changed hands, with market-makers only making a price in 25,000 shares at a time.

This latest burst of speculative interest was prompted by the announcement on Thursday that RJR Nabisco, the giant American food and tobacco group, is raising £1.3 billion by way of an issue of an extra 300 million shares.

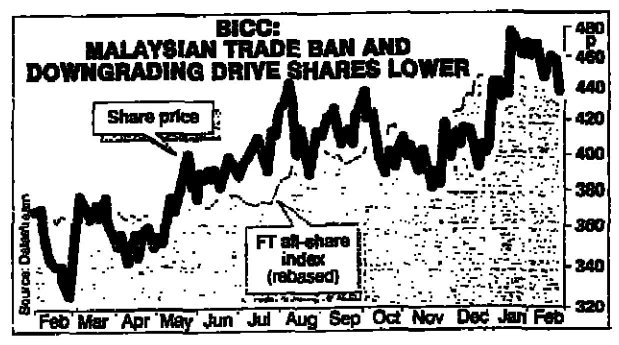
The company said that the money would be used to reduce debt, but traders on Wall Street said most of it would be set aside to provide a war chest with which to make acquisitions.

Dealers and fund managers in London are convinced that UB is likely to feature somewhere near the top of RJR Nabisco's list of likely targets. The company is vulnerable after a decline in profits on the back of problems in America and Europe that have put margins under intense pressure.

The rest of the equity market recovered some of its poise to end the two-week trading account on a steady note in the wake of Thursday's shake-out. But fears of a rise in short-term interest rates persist and were responsible for an early fall of 24 points in the FT-SE 100 index.

But short covering and the appearance of a few cheap buyers enabled the index to rally, closing 13.7 points up at 3,281.2, with 792 million shares traded. The fall on the account, however, is almost 100 points.

The trade ban on British companies imposed by Malaysia affected the big contractors. Losses were recorded in **Rolls-Royce**, 5p to 168p, **GEC**, 5p to 319p, and **BICC**, 15p to 435p. BICC was also hit by a profit downgrading from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. It cut its forecast for 1994 by £15 million to £125 million. **Vodafone** fell 7p to 581p on the back of a sell recommendation from NatWest Securities. **Bass** continued to benefit from this week's tie-up with Grolsch, adding 7p at 527p.



LWT (Holdings) firmed 4p to 730p after **Granada** declared victory in its battle for control. Its £771 million offer has received acceptances totalling 57.84 per cent and the offer has now gone unconditional. Granada closed 1p better at 562p.

News of Granada's success prompted profit-taking among the rest of the television companies, with **Anglia** easing 4p to 643p, **Central Independent Television** 10p to £29.30, **Grampian A** 13p to 287p, **HTV** 4p to 149p, **Scottish** 23p to 551p, **Ulster** 8p to 733p, and **Yorkshire** 16p to 327p.

The outcome of the Granada bid was also good news for **Westland Group**, unchanged at 330p. It will replace LWT as a constituent of the FT-SE mid-index of 250 companies, if only for the time being. Westland is fighting off an unwanted bid from **GKN**, down 3p at 539p.

Vistec, the computer servicing and electronic components group, marked time at 28½p. The group has paid Raytheon Inc £2.5 million in cash for Data Logic Communications Services. The deal will effectively double the size of Vistec's maintenance operations.

The insurers rallied after recent weakness. **Commercial Union**, which reported earlier this week, touched 597p before closing 27p dearer at 630p. There were also gains for **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 5p to 213p, **Royal Insurance**, 14p to 292p, **Sun Alliance**, 10p to 349p, **Legal & General**, 10p to 493p, and **Lloyds Abbey**, 4p to 397p.

Burton Group was steady at 51½p after announcing a management shake-up of its multiple stores chain.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts clawed back some of this week's losses with the help of short covering and the appearance of a few cheap buyers. Claims that the Bank of England had attempted to give the market a helping hand by buying the future were hotly denied. The March series of the Long Gilt climbed £$^{11}/_{16}$ to £112$^{13}/_{16}$ in hectic trading that saw 146,000 contracts completed.

At the longer end of the conventional market, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 jumped £1$^{3}/_{32}$ to £117$^{1}/_{32}$, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £$^{5}/_{16}$ better at £112.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares remained mixed in early trading. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.06 points to 3,834.84. Advancing shares led declining issues by ten to nine.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4904 (+0.0102)
German mark .... 2.5423 (-0.0177)
Exchange index .... 80.8 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3281.2 (+13.7)
Dow Jones .... 3834.84 (-5.06)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19803.38 (+37.90)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank .... 5¼-5$^{3}/_{16}$%
US Federal Funds .... 3$^{7}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.37-3.36%*
Long Bond 6.70%*

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GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 377.60 .... PM 378.95
Close 378.40-378.90
New York:
Comex 379.35-379.85*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $13.45 per bbl (Apr)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..141.3 Jan (2.5%) Jan 1987=100
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TOURIST RATES

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Austria Sch	18.84	17.34
Belgium Fr	55.47	51.07
Canada $	2.103	1.943
Cyprus Cyp£	0.795	0.745
Denmark Kr	10.55	9.75
Finland Mkk	8.88	8.08
France Fr	9.08	8.38
Germany Dm	2.69	2.48
Greece Dr	389.50	364.50
Hong Kong $	12.11	11.11
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2591.00	2436.00
Japan Yen	170.50	153.50
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	3.000	2.770
Norway Kr	11.60	10.80
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.00
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	214.00	200.00
Sweden Kr	12.39	11.59
Switzerland Fr	2.26	2.08
Turkey Lira	27950.0	26450.0
USA $	1.579	1.449

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Hang Seng dives again on fears for HK future

FROM AFP IN HONG KONG

FEARS of a flare-up in the Sino-British dispute over Hong Kong's future prompted a 3.18 per cent dive in share prices in the colony. The blue-chip Hang Seng index, a key barometer of investors' confidence, shed 331.77 points, to close the week at 10,100.25. It lost another 331.21 points on Thursday.

Fears for the future of Sino-British relations caused the turmoil. Uncertainty about interest rates also fuelled market volatility. Concern started when the Hong Kong Legislative Council passed the first part of Governor Chris Patten's electoral reform package on Thursday.

Investors' confidence was dealt another blow by Beijing's negative reaction to the subsequent publication of draft legislation containing the rest of Mr Patten's electoral package, which extends voting rights before China's takeover in 1997.

"Hong Kong's political future has been the underlying uncertainty in the market for a long time," said Takashima Ogawa, research head of Nikko Securities. "I don't expect the market to bounce up easily."

Mr Ogawa added that volatile trading would dominate the market, despite general optimism that healthy profits will be announced next week by Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which is chaired by Sir William Purves, and its Hang Seng Bank subsidiary.

But Michael Ng, of Sassoon Securities, played down the impact of the political dispute. He said the major concern was still over "the direction of interest rates and the poor performances in overseas markets".

The Hong Kong market has been nervous for several weeks. This was emphasised three weeks ago, when a 0.25 per cent rise in US interest rates triggered a 6 per cent plunge in the Hang Seng — the largest fall in a single day since the October 1987 crash.

Since the record 12,201.09 reached on January 4, on the back of strong economic growth in China and Hong Kong, the market has undergone a series of downward corrections.



Good profit is likely at HSBC, led by Sir William Purves

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Isotron ahead

Isotron, the sterilisation specialist, raised pre-tax profits to £1.51 million (£1.44 million) in the half year to December 31. The interim dividend is 1.66p (1.51p), from earnings of 8.1p (7.8p) a share.

Designer up

Honeysuckle Group, which designs women's wear, made pre-tax profit of £834,000 (£601,000) at half time. The interim payout is 1p (0.75p); earnings per share are 6.7p (5.5p).

Mallet doubles

The total dividend rises 50 per cent to 3p (2p), via a 2.5p final, at Mallet, the antiques dealer, on doubled full-year taxable profits of £1.04 million (£519,000). Earnings per share were 5.27p (2.52p).

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"Although history will see the digital superhighway revolution as a global phenomenon, for now, in its early phase, it has a peculiarly British feel. All four lanes are opening up in the British market..."

Business – The Sunday Times tomorrow

WALL STREET

	Feb 25 midday	Feb 24 close
AMP Inc	63⅜	62¾
AMR Corp	64¼	63¾
Abbott Labs	27⅝	27¾
Aetna Life	62¾	62
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	17¾
Air Prod & Chem	48	46¾
Albertson's	28⅜	28⅜
Alcan Aluminm	23⅛	22⅞
Alco Standard	56¼	56¼
Allied Signal	76¾	77
Alum Co of Am	76⅞	76¾
Amax Gold Inc	6¼	6¼
Amerada Hess	47¾	47¾
Amer Brands	33⅝	33⅝
Amer Cyanamid	44	44
Amer El Power	32⅞	32⅞
Amer Express	29⅜	29⅜
Amer Genl Corp	26⅞	25⅞
Amer Home Pr	58⅞	58⅞
Amer Intl	87⅞	87⅞
Amer Stores	46⅞	46
Amer T & T	52⅞	52⅞
Ameritech	39⅞	40⅛
Amoco	52⅝	52⅝
Anheuser-Busch	49⅞	48⅞
Apple Computer	36⅜	36⅜
Archer Daniels	26⅝	26⅝
Arkla	7⅛	7⅛
Armco	5⅞	5⅞
Armstrng Wrld	53⅞	54⅞
Asarco	24⅞	25
Ashland Oil	40⅝	40⅝
Atl Richfield	101¼	101½
Atmo Data Pro	51	51
Avery Dennison	30⅜	30⅛
Avon Products	57⅝	57⅝
Baker Hughes	19¼	19⅛
Baltim Gas & El	22⅞	22⅞
Banc One	33⅝	32⅞
BankAmerica	42⅞	42⅞
Bank of NY	53⅞	53⅞
Bankers Tr NY	81⅝	80⅞
Barnett Banks	40⅞	40⅞
Bausch & Lomb	50⅞	50⅞
Baxter Intl	22⅞	22⅞
Bectn Dickson	38⅞	38⅞
Bell Atlantic	55	54⅞
BellSouth	55⅞	54⅞
Black & Decker	20⅞	20⅞
Block (H&R)	44⅞	44⅞
Boeing	47⅞	46⅞
Boise Cascade	26⅞	26⅞
Borden Inc	14⅞	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	55⅞	55⅞
Browning Ferris	28⅞	28⅞
Brunswick	20⅞	20⅞
Burlington Nthn	61⅞	61⅞
CBS	311¼	314⅞
CNA Financial	71⅞	72⅞
CPC Intl	48⅞	49
CSX	87⅞	88⅞
Campbell Soup	40⅞	40⅞
Can Pacific	17	16⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	675⅞	682⅞
Cptl Holdings	33⅞	34
Carolina Pwr	27	27⅞
Caterpillar	107⅞	108⅞
Central & SW	26⅞	26⅞
Champion Intl	31⅞	31⅞
Chase Manhat	32⅞	32⅞
Chemical Bk	37⅞	37⅞
Chevron Corp	86⅞	87⅞
Chrysler	55⅞	56⅞
Chubb Corp	74	73⅞
Cigna Corp	66	65⅞
Citicorp	40⅞	40⅞
Clorox	54⅞	54⅞
Coastal Corp	31⅞	31⅞
Coca Cola	42⅞	42
Colgate-Palmolive	64⅞	64⅞
Columbia Gas	28⅞	28⅞
Commonw Ed	26⅞	26⅞
Compaq Comp	99⅞	100⅞
Comp Ass Intl	38⅞	36⅞
Conagra	26⅞	26⅞
Cons Edison	29⅞	29
Cons Nat Gas	43⅞	42⅞
Cons Rail	62⅞	61⅞
Cooper Inds	38⅞	39⅞
Corning Inc	30⅞	30⅞
Crown Cork	37⅞	37⅞
Dana Corp	56⅞	56⅞
Dayton Hudson	69	69
Deere	82⅞	82⅞
Delta Air Lines	50	50⅞
Deluxe Corp	33⅞	33⅞
Detroit Edison	28⅞	27⅞
Digital Equip	29	28
Dillard Dept St	35	34⅞
Disney (Walt)	47	47⅞
Dominion Res	40⅞	40⅞
Donnelley (RR)	30⅞	30⅞
Dover Corp	61⅞	61⅞
Dow Chemical	63	62⅞
Dow Jones	39⅞	39⅞
Dresser	22⅞	22⅞
Duke Power	38⅞	38
Dun & Bradstreet	61	61
Du Pont	53⅞	53⅞
Eastman Kodak	41⅞	41⅞

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Eaton Corp	58⅞	58⅞
Emerson Elec	63⅞	63⅞
Engelhard Corp	26⅞	26
Enron Corp	31⅞	31⅞
Ethyl Corp	18⅞	17⅞
Exxon	65⅞	65⅞
FMC Corp	48⅞	49⅞
FPL Group	33⅞	33⅞
Federal Express	75⅞	76⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	83⅞	82⅞
First Chicago	47⅞	47⅞
First Interstate	67⅞	66⅞
First Union Rlty	9⅞	9⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	32⅞	32⅞
Fluor Corp	44⅞	44⅞
Ford Motor	61⅞	62⅞
GTE Corp	33⅞	33⅞
Gannett	54⅞	53⅞
Gap Inc Del	45⅞	46
Gen Dynamics	92⅞	92⅞
Gen Electric	105⅞	105⅞
Gen Mills	55⅞	56
Gen Motors	58⅞	59
Gen Reinsurance	105⅞	106⅞
Gen Signal	34	34⅞
Genuine Parts	37⅞	37⅞
Georgia Pac	71⅞	70⅞
Gillette	61⅞	61⅞
Glaxo ADR	20⅞	20
Goodrich (BF)	40⅞	40⅞
Goodyear Tire	44⅞	44⅞
Grace (W&R)	44⅞	44⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26	26
Great West Fin	17⅞	17⅞
Halliburton	31⅞	32
Harcourt General	34⅞	34⅞
Heinz (HJ)	32⅞	32⅞
Hercules	115⅞	115⅞
Hershey Foods	50⅞	50⅞
Hewlett Packard	92	92
Hilton Hotels	72⅞	73⅞
Home Depot	41	41⅞
Homestake Mng	20⅞	20⅞
Honeywell	33⅞	33
Household Intl	34⅞	34
Houston Inds	40⅞	40⅞
Humana	19⅞	19⅞
ITT Corp	96	96⅞
Illinois Tool	42⅞	43
INCO	24⅞	24⅞
Ingersoll Rand	38	37⅞
Inland Steel	32⅞	32⅞
Intel Corp	68	67⅞
IBM	52⅞	52⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	37⅞	37
Intl Paper	73⅞	73⅞
James River Vs	18⅞	18⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅞	40⅞
K Mart	19	18⅞
Kellogg	50⅞	50⅞
Kerr-McGee	46⅞	46⅞
Kimberly-Clark	55⅞	55⅞
Knight-Ridder	57⅞	57
Lilly (Eli)	55⅞	55⅞
Limited Inc	19⅞	19
LIN Brdcstng	112⅞	111⅞
Lincoln Nat	40⅞	40⅞
Litton	68	68⅞
Liz Claiborne	21⅞	21⅞
Lockheed Corp	66⅞	66⅞
Louisiana Pac	42⅞	42⅞
MCI Commun	26⅞	25⅞
Marriott Int	28⅞	28⅞
Marsh & McLnn	82⅞	82⅞
Masco Corp	35⅞	36⅞
May Dept St	43⅞	43⅞
Maytag Corp	17⅞	17⅞
McCaw Cellular	50⅞	50
McDonalds	60⅞	59⅞
McDonnell D	120⅞	120⅞
McGraw Hill	70⅞	70
Mead Corp	43⅞	43⅞
Medtronic	79⅞	79⅞
Mellon Bk	54⅞	54⅞
Melville Corp	38⅞	38⅞
Merck Inc	32⅞	31⅞
Merrill Lynch	40⅞	40⅞
Minnesota Mine	105⅞	106⅞
Mobil Corp	78⅞	79⅞
Monsanto	77⅞	77⅞
Morgan (JP)	67⅞	67⅞
Motorola Inc	103⅞	103
Natl Medical	15⅞	15⅞
Natl Semi	21⅞	21⅞
Natl Service Ind	27⅞	27⅞
Navistar Int	23⅞	24⅞
NBD Bancorp	29	29⅞
NY Times A	27⅞	27⅞
Newmont Mng	52⅞	52⅞
Niag Mohawk	18⅞	18⅞
Nike B	50⅞	50⅞
NL Industries	9	9⅞
Nordstrom	39⅞	40⅞
Norfolk Sthn	68⅞	68⅞
Nthn State Pwr	40⅞	40⅞
Norwest Corp	23⅞	23⅞
Nynex Corp	37⅞	36⅞
Occidental Pet	18⅞	18⅞
Ohio Edison	20⅞	20⅞
Oracle Systems	32⅞	32⅞

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Oryx Energy Co	18⅜	18¼
Owens Corning	40⅞	40⅞
PNC Financial	27½	27⅝
PPG Industries	76⅞	77
Paccar Inc	56⅝	56
Pacificorp	17⅞	17⅝
Pac Enterprises	21¼	20⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	30⅞	30⅞
Pac Telesis	54⅞	54¼
Pall Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Panhandle East	22⅝	22⅞
Paramnt Comm	75	74⅞
Parker Hannifin	35⅝	35⅞
Penney (JC)	53⅞	53⅞
Pennzoil	53⅞	53⅞
Pepsico	38⅞	n/a
Pfizer	57⅝	56⅝
Phelps Dodge	56	55⅞
Philadel Elec	29⅞	29⅝
Philip Morris	58⅞	58⅞
Phillips Pet	27⅝	27⅝
Pitney Bowes	44	44
Polaroid	31½	31½
PriceCostco	19⅝	19
Procter & Gmbl	56⅞	57
Pub Serv E & G	29⅞	29⅞
Quaker Oats	63¾	63
Ralston Purina	43⅞	44¼
Raychem Corp	37⅝	36⅞
Raytheon	61⅝	60⅞
Reebok Intl	33⅝	33⅝
Reynolds Metals	50⅞	49⅞
Roadway Srvcs	69⅞	70⅞
Rockwell Intl	42	42⅞
Rohm & Haas	57⅝	57⅝
Royal Dutch	105⅞	103⅞
Rubbermaid	30⅞	30⅞
Safeco Corp	57⅞	57⅝
St Paul's Cos	82⅞	82⅝
Salomon Inc	49⅞	49⅞
Santa Fe Pac	23	23
Sara Lee Corp	21½	21½
Scecorp	18⅛	18⅝
Schering Plough	60⅞	60⅞
Schlumberger	56⅝	56⅝
Scott Paper	44⅝	44⅞
Seagram	28⅝	28⅞
Sears Roebuck	46½	46¼
Shell Trans	62¼	62⅞
Sherwin Wlms	34⅝	34¼
Skyline Corp	21½	20½
Snap-On-Tools	44¼	44
Southern Co	40¼	40½
Sthwestern Bell	39⅝	38⅝
Sprint Corp	37⅝	36⅞
Stanley Works	43⅞	43½
Sun Company	33⅝	32⅞
Sun Microsys	27	26½
Suntrust	44⅞	44⅞
Supervalu	36½	36¼
Syntex Corp	14⅝	13⅞
Sysco Corp	27⅞	27⅝
TRW Inc	73	72⅝
Tandem Comp	14⅞	14½
Tandy Corp	42¼	43
Telecom Corp	3⅝	3⅝
Teledyne	20½	20⅝
Temple Inland	51½	51½
Tenneco	55⅝	56⅝
Texaco	65⅞	65⅞
Texas Inst	79⅝	79⅞
Texas Utilities	38⅝	38⅜
Textron	57⅝	57⅝
Time Warner	37⅝	37⅝
Times-Mirror	33⅝	33½
Timken	35⅝	35⅝
Torchmark	42⅝	42⅞
Toys R Us	36½	36½
Transamerica	49⅝	50⅝
Travelers	37⅝	37⅝
Tribune	57⅝	58⅝
Tyco Labs	51½	51½
UAL Corp	135	135⅝
UST Inc	28½	28⅞
USX Marathon	17⅝	17⅜
Unilever NV	111½	109⅞
Union Camp	48	48½
Union Carbide	23⅝	24¼
Union Pacific	59⅝	59
Unisys Corp	14⅞	14¼
USAir Group	12	11½
USF&G Corp	14¼	14⅝
US Life	38⅞	38⅝
US West	40⅝	39⅝
United Tech	66⅝	66⅞
Unocal Corp	27⅞	27½
Upjohn	28⅝	28⅝
VF Corp	50⅝	49⅞
WMX Tech	24⅞	24⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	28⅜	28⅝
Warner-Lambert	62⅝	62⅝
Wells Fargo	137⅞	137⅞
Westinghouse El	14⅝	14⅝
Weyerhaeuser	47⅝	47⅞
Whirlpool	67⅞	67⅞
Whitman	16	16½
Winn Dixie	49⅞	49⅞
Woolworth	21¼	22⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46⅝	44½
Xerox	97⅞	97⅞

RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	168	+2
Chiroscience (150)	149	...
Clinical Computing (124)	153	+1
Coda (235)	257	...
Computerised Fin (90)	125	-10
Energy Capital (50)	58	...
Energy Capital Wts	28	...
Guangdong Dvlpt	69	-2½
Guangdong Dvlpt Wts	28¼	-¼
Herald Inv Tst (100)	99	+2
Herald Inv Wts	48	...
K'wort Euro Pt (50)	41	+½
K'wort Euro Pt Wts	37½	...
Mithras Inv Tst (50)	51	...
Mithras Inv Wts	26	...
Parkside Intl (110)	121	...
Slimma (120)	140	-1
Taiwan Inv (100)	93	+1
Taiwan Inv Wts	44	...
Trifast (200)	213	-1
Tring Intl (118)	138	-1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Beauford N/P (20)	6pm	...
Carlisle N/P (11)	22pm	-½
Spring Ram N/P (53)	19½pm	+½
Utility Cable N/P (10)	26pm	+½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Abbey National .... 499p (+8p)
Provident .... 522p (+23p)
Allied Lyons .... 615p (+10p)
Grand Met .... 471p (+14p)
Guinness .... 523p (+9p)
Scot & Newcastle 543½p (+16½p)
British Bio-tech .... 400p (+12p)
Glaxo .... 685½p (+8½p)
Siebe .... 605p (+11p)
First Leisure .... 322p (+13p)
Stanley Leisure .... 341p (+11p)
Vendome .... 428p (+11p)
Eurotherm .... 763p (+11p)
MEPC .... 495p (+9p)
BAA .... 988p (+11p)

FALLS:

J Laing .... 385p (-13p)
Assoc Brit Ports .... 593p (-20p)
Grampian .... 287p (-13p)
Scot TV .... 551p (-23p)
Yorkshire TV .... 327p (-16p)
Trinity Holdings .... 280p (-15p)
Haynes Publishing .... 453p (-15p)
British Gas .... 318p (-10p)
N Brown .... 463p (-15p)
Cable Wireless .... 459p (-10p)
Mitel .... 405p (-17p)
Caledonia .... 674p (-16p)
Ranger Oil .... 340p (-23p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	12,000	Cadbury	3,100	MEPC	951	Scot Power	2,300
Abbey Natl	4,900	Caradon	1,400	Marks Spr	3,500	Sears	3,400
Alld-Lyons	2,300	Carlton Cm	2,200	NFC	1,600	Svrn Trent	1,600
Anglian W	1,300	Coats Vyla	2,800	NatWst Bk	9,400	Shell Trans	3,300
Argyll Gp	3,900	Cm Union	1,800	Nat Power	1,300	Siebe	1,500
Arjo Wiggn	4,500	Courtaulds	1,900	Nth Wst W	2,700	SmKl Bch	2,100
AB Foods	427	Enterpr Oil	1,600	Nthrn Fds	2,200	Smith Nph	1,300
BAA	1,400	Forte	3,200	P & O	1,700	Sthn Elec	159
BAT Inds	6,100	GRE	3,100	Pearson	1,100	Std Chartd	950
BOC	444	GUS	1,300	PowerGen	1,000	Sun Allnce	2,500
BP	9,800	Gen Acc	2,200	Prudential	4,300	TI Gp	897
BTR	5,100	Gen Elec	6,300	RMC	744	TSB	4,400
BT	8,900	Glaxo	4,100	RTZ	4,300	Tesco	4,200
Bk of Scot	10,000	Granada	2,400	Rank Org	591	Thames W	1,700
Barclays	5,100	Grand Met	4,700	Reckitt Col	656	Thrn EMI	593
Bass	1,500	Guinness	3,000	Redland	1,400	Tomkins	1,100
Blue Circle	2,400	HSBC	6,200	Reed Intl	942	Unilever	1,000
Boots	1,300	Hanson	9,000	Rentokil	1,500	Utd Bisc	1,700
Bowater	2,300	ICI	2,000	Reuters	1,200	Vodafone	5,000
Brit Aero	2,200	Inchcape	1,100	Rolls Royce	10,000	Wrbrg (SG)	413
Brit Airwys	7,000	Kingfisher	1,900	Ryl Ins	6,900	Wellcome	1,300
Brit Gas	14,000	Ladbroke	6,800	Ryl Bk Scot	1,700	Whitbread	1,200
Brit Steel	5,300	Land Secs	1,000	Sainsbury	3,100	Wlms Hld	2,400
Burmah Ctl	383	Legal & Gn	1,000	Schroders	7	Wolseley	225
Cable Wire	6,100	Lloyds Bk	4,500	Scot & New	873	Zeneca	945

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3834.84 (-5.06)
S&P Composite .... 465.80 (+1.54)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19803.38 (+37.90)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10100.25 (-331.77)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 415.64 (-2.67)

Sydney: AO .... 2148.8 (-48.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2074.92 (-15.37)

FT 30 share: .... 2535.6 (+7.7)

Brussels:
General .... 7590.36 (-82.08)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2198.92 (-9.37)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 700.20 (-2.30)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1654.67 (+4.21)
FT Non Financials .... 1769.62 (+3.56)
FT Gold Mines .... 207.8 (+5.1)
FT Fixed Interest .... 123.76 (-0.53)
FT Govt Secs .... 101.25 (+0.31)
Bargains 39356
SEAQ Volume 792.4m
USM (Datastrm) .... 168.49 (-0.80)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 21	March 4	June 2	June 13

Calls 25/2/94: ASDA, Avesco, Arcon, Bearing Pwr, Burton, Courtyard, Development Secs, Ennex, Eurpean Energy, Greycoat, Hanson Wts, Hawtin, Jurys Hotel, Kunick, Lonrho, Molynx Hldgs, Ovoca Res, Rhino Group, Rodime, Scot Nat Cap, Smith New Court, Sphere IT, Tullow, WPP, World Fluids. **Puts:** Avesco, Eurotunnel, Jurys Hotel, Ovoca Res, Tullow. **Puts & Calls:** Bearing Pwr, Hanson Wts, Mosaic Inv, Rodime, WPP.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3237.0	3283.0	3225.0	3268.0	19322
Previous open interest: 71691	Jun 94	3248.0	3287.0	3248.0	3280.5	440
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.78	94.82	94.77	94.79	11174
Previous open interest: 430232	Jun 94	94.78	94.87	94.78	94.83	23980
	Sep 94	94.61	94.73	94.59	94.67	20784
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.22	96.22	96.22	96.22	40
Previous open interest: 14367	Jun 94	95.84	95.86	95.83	95.83	123
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.16	94.21	94.14	94.19	37820
Previous open interest: 966470	Jun 94	94.59	94.63	94.53	94.60	73824
Long Gilt	Mar 94	111-16	112-29	111-15	112-26	158632
Previous open interest: 167008	Jun 94	110-22	112-02	110-20	112-01	43862
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	113.00	113.08	112.78	113.06	295
	Jun 94	111.75	111.83	111.46	111.77	2580
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	96.67	96.73	96.00	96.29	264559
Previous open interest: 255730	Jun 94	96.42	96.45	95.90	96.00	47841
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.67	93.70	93.64	93.68	1976
Previous open interest: 38615	Jun 94	94.10	94.11	94.05	94.08	1808
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	100.62	100.87	100.20	100.65	889
Previous open interest: 8208	Jun 94	100.70	100.77	100.69	100.75	55
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	95.82	95.92	95.75	95.91	3633
Previous open interest: 65436	Jun 94	95.91	96.09	95.91	96.08	4458
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	113.40	113.40	112.65	112.77	71253
Previous open interest: 105985	Jun 94	113.45	113.45	112.75	112.90	27429

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.8 (day's range 80.5-80.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8510-2.8612	2.8550-2.8585	par-¼ds	par-¼ds
Brussels	52.27-52.51	52.31-52.41	7-10ds	15-21ds
Copenhagen	9.9370-10.0020	9.9790-9.9870	⅜-1⅞ds	1⅜-3⅞ds
Dublin	1.0425-1.0460	1.0426-1.0456	10-14ds	26-32ds
Frankfurt	2.5370-2.5480	2.5397-2.5430	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-½ds
Lisbon	258.01-259.16	258.52-259.16	76-115ds	239-351ds
Madrid	206.80-207.43	207.13-207.43	76-79ds	173-193ds
Milan	2493.00-2512.40	2508.40-2512.40	6-8ds	18-20ds
Montreal	1.9911-2.0123	2.0093-2.0123	0.29-0.24pr	0.47-0.40pr
New York	1.4793-1.4890	1.4870-1.4880	0.24-0.23pr	0.55-0.52pr
Oslo	11.0110-11.0720	11.0490-11.0650	1-½pr	1½-½pr
Paris	8.6320-8.6630	8.6320-8.6460	1-1¼ds	2⅝-2⅞ds
Stockholm	11.7970-11.9010	11.8690-11.8930	1⅜-2⅞ds	4⅜-6¼ds
Tokyo	155.28-155.87	155.61-155.87	½-⅜pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.85-17.92	17.85-17.89	¼-1¼ds	¾-1½ds
Zurich	2.1156-2.1284	2.1226-2.1257	¼-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso* 1.4858-1.4883
Australia dollar 2.0674-2.0702
Bahrain dinar 0.552-0.564
Brazil cruzeiro* 916.62-918.43
Cyprus pound 0.756-0.766
Finland marka 8.1795-8.2955
Greece drachma 365.0-372.0
Hong Kong dollar 11.5044-11.5098
India rupee 45.98-46.94
Kuwait dinar KD 0.4355-0.4455
Malaysia ringgit 4.0553-4.0612
Mexico peso 4.58-4.68
New Zealand dollar 2.5770-2.5810
Saudi Arabia riyal 5.4845-5.6105
Singapore dollar 2.3588-2.3611
S Africa rand (fin) 6.9164-6.9360
S Africa rand (com) 5.1612-5.1722
U A E dirham 5.373-5.497
Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia 1.3898-1.3908
Austria 12.02-12.03
Belgium (Com) 35.10-35.12
Canada 1.3515-1.3520
Denmark 6.6740-6.6785
France 5.7945-5.7975
Germany 1.7050-1.7055
Hong Kong 7.7325-7.7335
Ireland 1.4281-1.4311
Italy 1677.0-1679.0
Japan 104.55-104.65
Malaysia 2.7250-2.7380
Netherlands 1.9135-1.9145
Norway 7.3955-7.3975
Portugal 173.40-173.70
Singapore 1.5820-1.5830
Spain 139.00-139.20
Sweden 7.9809-7.9884
Switzerland 1.4245-1.4255

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4$^{11}/_{16}$; 3 mth 4¾. Sell: 2 mth 4$^{9}/_{16}$; 3 mth: 4$^{11}/_{16}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5-4$^{7}/_{8}$	4$^{15}/_{16}$-4$^{7}/_{8}$	4$^{15}/_{16}$-4$^{7}/_{8}$	4$^{15}/_{16}$-4$^{7}/_{8}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	5$^{1}/_{16}$-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5¼	5¼-5¼
Interbank:	5$^{1}/_{16}$-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5¼	5¼-5¼

Overnight: open 5, close 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5$^{1}/_{16}$	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5¼
Dollar CDs:	3.49	n/a	3.66	3.88	3.28
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5¼-5⅛

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £659m allotted: £200m; Bids: £98.825% received: 95%; Last week: £98.835% received: 100%; Avge rate: £4.7129% last wk £4.6728%; Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3$^{5}/_{16}$-3$^{3}/_{16}$	3½-3⅜	4-3¾	3½-2¾
Deutschemark:	6¼-6	6⅛-5⅞	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅞-5⅝	6½-5½
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6	6⅝-5⅝
Swiss Franc:	4¼-4	4¼-4⅛	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2¼-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2$^{1}/_{16}$	2⅛-2⅛	2¼-1¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.10-377.50 **Close:** $378.40-378.90 **High:** $379.00-379.50 **Low:** $375.40-375.90 **Krugerrand:** $377.00-380.00 (£253.00-255.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-90.50 (£58.75-60.75) New $87.50-90.50 (£58.75-60.75)
Platinum: $391.60 (£264.05) **Silver:** $5.21 (£3.495) **Palladium:** $135.75 (£91.55)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	600	34	44½	54	13	31	37½
(*616½)	650	11	21	31½	42	61	67
Argyll	240	19½	26½	29½	8½	18½	22
(*248)	260	10½	16½	20½	21	31	33½
ASDA	50	9	12	13½	2	3½	5
(*57)	60	3½	6	7½	6½	8½	10½
Boots	500	48½	58½	65½	4½	16½	20½
(*538½)	550	16	31½	37½	24	40½	44
Br Airways	420	37½	47½	55	7½	19½	24½
(*446)	460	14	26	35	25	40	45
BP	360	18½	29½	36	11	20	27
(*363½)	390	7	16½	23	31½	38½	44
Br Steel	140	10	15½	19	7	11½	14
(*142½)	150	2½	7	10	20	24	26½
C & W	450	27	42½	—	12½	26½	—
(*460)	475	14	29	—	25	37½	—
CU	600	35½	53	58	13	23	30½
(*629)	650	13½	28	33	42	50½	58
ICI	750	24	42½	51	32½	46	57
(*753½)	800	7½	23	31	70	79½	89½
Kingfishr	550	53	63½	71½	8½	22½	30
(*587½)	600	22	35	46	29½	47	55
Land Sec	700	32	42½	50	11½	29½	32½
(*715)	750	9½	18	26	41	60½	60½
M & S	390	35½	42	47½	3½	12	14
(*418½)	420	15½	24	30½	14	24½	27
Nat West	460	39	54	59	11½	30½	26½
(*496½)	500	18	33	39½	31½	40½	47
Sainsbury	330	38	45	50	5	14½	17½
(*359)	360	18	27½	34	15	27½	32
Shell	700	17½	33	41½	26	34½	44½
(*702½)	750	4	16	22	65	68	74½
Smkl Bch	390	25	38	47½	14½	26	33
(*401)	420	12½	25	34	32½	43	50
Storehse	220	22½	29	33	4	9	12½
(*236)	240	9½	18	22½	12½	18½	22
Trafalgar	106	12½	17	—	7½	11	—
(*108)	115	8½	13	—	13	17	—
Unilever	1100	49½	63½	86	21	31½	48½
(*1130½)	1150	21½	39	59	51	62½	74
Zeneca	750	23½	40½	54½	35½	47	58½
(*752½)	800	7	22½	34	72½	91	90
BAA	950	61½	77½	96	13	29½	37½
(*988)	1000	31	48½	68½	34	52½	61
Thames W	550	20	31	37	18	36½	39½
(*550)	600	5	12	18½	52½	71½	72½
Glaxo	650	50	74½	87	19½	35½	52
(*687½)	700	24	50	61½	43½	61½	78½
HSBC	900	74	108	132½	49	70½	94½
(*937½)	950	51	84	108½	79½	106	119½
Reuter	1950	94	156½	194	60	77	125½
(*1996½)	2000	72	130½	166	85½	122½	149

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Grnd Met	460	30½	41	50½	16	23½	29
(*471)	500	13½	22	31½	38	45½	51
Ladbroke	300	14	19½	24½	15½	21½	27
(*201½)	220	6½	12½	17	30	34	40
Utd Bisc	330	20½	25	31	16½	22½	28
(*337)	360	7	13	19	39½	43	47
BAT Ind	460	33½	42	49	18	26½	34½
(*478½)	500	14	24	31	44	50½	58½
BTR	360	16	24½	30½	19½	25	32
(*360)	390	6½	13	18½	42	45	51
Br Aero	500	44	61	76½	36½	48	63½
(*505)	550	28	42	58	78	82	93
Br Telcm	420	23½	32½	38	11	22	26½
(*427½)	460	7	14½	20½	36½	45½	49½
Cadbury	493	24	—	—	16½	—	—
(*509½)	542	5½	—	—	50½	—	—
Guinness	500	37½	51½	62	19½	29	36
(*536)	550	13½	28	40	50	58	64
GEC	300	27½	32½	34½	5	12	15
(*319½)	330	10½	16	21	19	28	31
Hanson	260	22½	26½	30	4½	8½	12
(*279½)	280	10½	15	19½	13	17½	21½
LASMO	120	16	22	26½	8	14	18
(*126½)	130	10½	17	22	14½	19	23½
Lucas	200	25	31½	35½	6	10½	15½
(*218½)	220	12½	19½	25	15	19½	25½
Pilkingtn	180	22½	27½	32½	5	9½	12
(*195½)	200	9½	16	22	14	19	21½
Prudential	300	28	33½	38½	7	12½	17
(*323)	330	11	18	24	23	29½	33
Redland	550	49½	58	67½	17½	29	41½
(*583½)	600	20½	32½	44	47	57½	68½
Royal Ins	280	25	32	39½	13	18½	24½
(*290½)	300	14	23	30½	26½	30	35
Tesco	220	15	22	26½	13	17	21½
(*224½)	240	6½	13½	18	27	29½	33½
Vodafone	550	55	71	86	17	30	39½
(*581)	600	26	45	61½	40	59½	65
Williams	340	20½	27	33	19	25	31½
(*363)	420	7	14½	21½	40½	44	49½
R-Royce	160	14	20	24	7	12	16
(*168)	180	6	11	15½	19	23½	27
Eastn Elc	650	33½	46½	54½	23½	40	47
(*654)	700	13	24½	33½	54½	72	78

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	460	42½	47½	57	4½	12	19
(*498½)	500	11½	24	35	21½	30	37
Amstrad	35	2½	5	6½	2½	4½	5½
(*36)	40	1	3	4½	6	7½	8½
Barclays	500	47	56	66½	6	14½	23
(*541)	550	13½	28	39	27½	37½	47½
Blue Circ	330	19½	29	39½	5½	17	25
(*342)	360	5½	15½	26½	23	35½	42½
Br Gas	300	22	27	31	2½	10	13½
(*317½)	330	4½	10	15½	16½	27	30
Dixons	200	15½	23½	28	4	9½	17
(*210)	220	5	14	18½	19½	20½	28
Forte	240	23	27½	33½	3	10½	14½
(*259)	260	8½	15½	23½	9	20½	25
Hillsdwn	160	15½	17½	22	2	8½	11½
(*171½)	180	3½	7	12½	12	21½	23½
Lonrho	140	17½	26	30	3	8½	14
(*153½)	160	6	14½	20	12	19	24½
Sears	110	10½	13	16½	1½	4½	6
(*115½)	120	4	7	9½	5	9½	11½
Thrn Emi	1050	61	88	107½	9	24	46
(*1095½)	1100	25½	57	73½	27½	45½	68½
Tomkins	260	10½	19	25	7½	13½	21
(*262)	280	3	10½	16½	21	25½	32½
TSB	220	22	29	36½	2	7	12
(*237½)	240	8½	17	26	9½	16	21½
Wellcome	600	54	71½	91	7½	25	36½
(*641½)	650	23	44½	64½	27	49	61½
Fisons	120	12	18	24	4½	10½	15
(*127)	130	6½	13	19	9½	16	20½
Natl Pwr	460	27½	40	47½	6	15½	25½
(*479½)	500	6	18½	29½	25	39½	46½
Scot Pwr	390	30½	42	49½	4	10½	29½
(*414)	420	11½	25½	33	15	24	34

FT-SE INDEX (*3282½)

	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400
Calls						
Mar	141	105	71	46	28	16
Apr	166	130	102	75	55	39
May	190	157	127	99	78	58
Jun	206	175	147	119	98	77
Dec	—	260	—	203	—	157
Puts						
Mar	23	35	55	80	113	153
Apr	49	63	85	108	138	171
May	86	83	104	126	154	194
Jun	80	98	119	141	170	199
Dec	—	159	—	201	—	253

February 25, 1994 Tot: 47056 Calls: 28786 Puts: 18272 FT-SE Calls: 10990 Puts: 8431
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: London cocoa and coffee continued to be bound by recent trading ranges, cocoa fluctuating widely in technically-driven trade and coffee edging quietly higher. UK wheat and barley futures closed mixed on a thinly traded market. The sugar market was largely confined to Cuba and for the most part on private terms.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar .... 909-903 May 989-985
May .... 926-925 Jul 999-991
Jul .... 936-934 Sep 1015-1000
Sep .... 949-947 Dec 1030-1010
Dec 962-960
Mar .... 979-977 Volume: 8025

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar .... 1219-1217 Nov 1238-1237
May .... 1235-1234 Jan 1235-1231
Jul .... 1233-1232 Mar 1234-1229
Sep .... 1234-1232 Volume: 4016

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

Spot: 280.70 Oct 11.55-12.10
Mar .... 11.25-11.50 Jan 11.30-12.30
May .... 11.75-12.00 Mar 11.35-12.50
Jul .... 12.20-12.55 May 11.25-12.70
Volume: 169

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters Dec 298.0-95.5
Spot: 323.5 Mar 297.0-95.5
May .... 321.0-20.0 May 299.0-97.0
Aug .... 318.0-17.0 Aug 302.0-00.0
Oct .... 301.0-99.5 Volume: 674

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	75.95	118.39	124.10
(+/-)	-5.97	-2.15	-0.84
Eng/Wales	75.95	117.61	123.87
(+/-)	+5.97	-3.08	-0.39
(%)	-12.6	-24.3	-11.1
Scotland	n/a	120.88	126.20
(+/-)	n/a	+0.93	+4.76
(%)	n/a	-9.5	-20.9

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

Open Close Open Close
Aug .... unq — Mar .... unq —
Sep .... unq — Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar 101.00
May 102.95
Jun 103.05
Sep 91.25
Nov 92.15
Volume: 278

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar 104.35
May 104.75
Sep 92.10
Nov 95.00
Jan 96.25
Volume: 19

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug .... unq
Oct ....
Dec ....
Feb ....
Apr ....
Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	150.0	140.0
Apr	108.5	117.9
May	127.9	135.3

Volume: 322

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Apr 65.25-66.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices ended an indifferent week on an indifferent note.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.35	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.40	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.45	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	14.55	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (May)	14.70	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	152 (+1)	154 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	140 (+1)	142 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	144 (+1)	145 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Apr	141 (n/c)	143 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	81 (n/c)	82 (n/c)
Naphtha	134 (+1)	136 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Mar .... 139.50-39.75 Jun 139.25-39.75
Apr .... 138.75-39.00 Jul 141.25-41.75
May .... 138.25-38.50 Aug 143.50-44.50
Vol: 12557

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr .... 13.42-13.44 Jul .... 13.85 BID
May .... 13.57 BID Aug .... unq
Jun .... 13.71 BID Vol: 24409

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar .... 143.00-45.00 Jun .... 158.25 SLR
Apr .... 150.75 SLR Jul .... unq
May .... 152.75 SLR Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 94	1135	1135	1132
Apr 94	1195	1185	1192
Jul 94	1090	1089	1089
Oct 94	unq	...	1248

Vol: 54 lots. Open int'st: 2854 Index 1117 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1882.0-1882.5	1904.0-1904.5	1084500
Lead ($/tonne)	472.00-472.50	485.50-486.00	166850
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	956.50-957.00	974.00-974.50	402650
Tin ($/tonne)	5510.0-5515.0	5530.0-5535.0	22985
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1300.0-1300.5	1321.0-1321.5	1181925
Nickel ($/tonne)	5875.0-5880.0	5930.0-5935.0	88494



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Protection on pre-paid packages

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Holidays without the legal strain



From July a new financial watchdog takes up the cudgels on your behalf. **Sara McConnell** explains

How to complain

Millions of investors who buy life assurance, personal pensions, unit trusts and other investments can take any problems to a new watchdog from July.

The new Personal Investment Authority (PIA) is to regulate sales of investments, including life assurance and pensions, to the public. Life companies, including life assurance arms of banks and building societies, fund management companies and independent financial advisers (IFAs), will be expected to join the PIA. The Securities and Futures Authority will continue to supervise stockbrokers.

The PIA is arising from the merger of the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) and the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra). These are the two bodies private investors are most likely to have come into contact with in the past. Lautro, responsible for marketing by life companies and fund managers selling "packaged investments", disciplines those whose agents sell unsuitable policies. Fimbra has supervised IFAs. The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) will stay for institutional investors; fund managers selling to the public will also be expected to join the PIA.

How will the PIA fit into the picture? We answer the questions investors may be asking.

Q *How is all this meant to benefit investors?*

A It is meant to make things simpler and more streamlined. In theory, people should have to deal with only one regulator because all the companies and their distributors, including independent financial advisers, will be regulated by the same body. Previously, for example, someone who bought an unsuitable life assurance policy from an IFA may have approached Lautro, which regulates life companies, only to be told they had to go to Fimbra because it supervised the adviser who had sold the policy. Now, both the life offices and the independent adviser will be members of the PIA.

Q *Will insurance company agents selling one company's policies be regulated by the PIA if independent financial advisers are?*

A No. As now, it will be up to life companies or others with their own agents to monitor their selling practices and make sure they are not breaching rules. Some people in the industry believe this is a major drawback of both the existing and the new system.

Q *So who do I complain to? My mother was persuaded by a pushy salesman from X Life to cash in her existing policy and take out another. He wouldn't leave her house until she signed the agreement.*

A You should first approach the life company. The salesman has "churned" the policy, almost certainly to earn himself more commission, and this is a breach of regulators' rules because it is bad advice. The life office is responsible to its regulator (now Lautro, from July the PIA) for the activities of its salesmen and has to have a complaints procedure which it must explain to you. Under the PIA's proposed rules, companies must acknowledge complaints within seven days and provide investors with a leaflet, explaining the complaints procedure, produced by PIA. If you are not satisfied after two months, the life company must tell you you have the right to go to the ombudsman.

Q *Which one? I thought there were several.*

A There are at present. Until the PIA starts, complaints about life assurance including alleged misselling should be taken to Dr Julian Farrand, the insurance ombudsman on 071-928 4488. It is not compulsory for insurance companies to be members. Dr Farrand can make awards binding on the life company of up to £100,000. When the PIA exists, it will have its own ombudsman. He or she will be able to make binding awards up to only £50,000, but companies can opt to be bound up to £100,000. It will be compulsory for companies to join the PIA scheme.

> "Will the new watchdog deal with complaints about company pensions?"

Q *So will the insurance ombudsman merge with the PIA ombudsman?*

A No. Dr Farrand will continue to deal with complaints about motor, household, travel, permanent health insurance and personal accident insurance. The PIA ombudsman will deal with complaints about life assurance, personal pensions, unit trusts and any other investments sold by PIA members.

Q *Will the PIA ombudsman deal with my complaint? I went to an independent financial adviser who sold me an investment which I now realise was unsuitable. It was risky and he didn't explain the risks to me even when I said I wanted to be cautious.*

A This sort of thing should be right up the PIA ombudsman's street. It will be cases like yours that will benefit most from the new system, because it will be simpler. Until the PIA is up and running you must take different action, depending on whether your adviser is a Fimbra or Imro member — look at their headed paper. Fimbra (071-538 8860) runs an arbitration scheme which can make awards up to £50,000. Imro (071-628 6022) passes complaints it or the company cannot deal with to the investment ombudsman, Richard Youard (071-796 3065) who can make awards up to £100,000. The PIA will handle all complaints now dealt with by Fimbra, and most of Imro's.

Q *Will the PIA deal with complaints about company pensions?*

A No, these will be dealt with by the pensions ombudsman, Michael Platt (071-834 9144). But he will normally handle only complaints that cannot be solved by the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (071-233 8080).

Q *I put £40,000 with an adviser who subsequently went bust. Surely there's not much point in the ombudsman trying to get compensation out of him?*

A This is where the investors' compensation scheme (071-638 1240) comes in. It will continue under PIA, and will pay up to £48,000 to investors who have lost money through collapsed firms.

Q *What's happening to compensation for people like me who were wrongly told to transfer out of our company pension schemes? It seems to have gone very quiet.*

A Compensation for losses through pension transfers is being handled by the Securities and Investments Board (071-638 1240). It confirmed this week there would be separate arrangements for funding pension transfer compensation and it will tell investors in July how compensation will be paid.

Q *Will the banking and building society ombudsman also disappear when the PIA starts?*

A No, the banking ombudsman, Laurence Shurman (071-583 1395) and the building society ombudsman, Stephen Edell (071-931 0044) will still exist. As now, they will handle complaints about savings accounts, current accounts, cashpoints, mortgages and any other complaints which do not involve insurance and investments. The banks will be members of the PIA for their life assurance and investment business.

Q *Am I still protected if a bank or building society goes under?*

A Yes. Building societies and banks both have depositors' protection schemes. The banks' scheme pays up to £15,000 and the building societies scheme pays up to £18,000.

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild



Disgruntled postal workers show what they think of their pension schemes — but find they are not alone

'Pass the parcel' pensions

Dave Potts and his colleagues at Stoke-on-Trent Parcelforce depot feel betrayed. Not only were they persuaded by a pensions salesman to come out of the Royal Mail scheme and take out personal pensions, the salesman had also been a close friend and former workmate. Mr Potts says: "I keep thinking, did he know what he was doing to us?".

The 33 postal workers were easily persuaded to opt out and put the resulting lump sums into London & Manchester personal pensions. The salesman told them they would be able to take their pension early and emphasised the tax-free lump sum. He did not, Mr Potts says, point out that they would lose any contribution from their employer, plus valuable dependants' benefits.

Now, nearly four years later, the postal workers realise they are part of a misselling scandal which has been brewing since 1988 when the Government first loosened the company pension regime. Up to 500,000 people may stand to be compensated for being wrongly advised.

Seven of the workers are to appear on Panorama, the BBC1 current affairs programme, on Monday. The programme will investigate pension transfers and ask if pension salesmen are still giving expensive, poor advice.

London & Manchester has told Mr Potts and his colleagues that it will consider their case for compensation using guidelines to be drawn up by the Securities and Investments Board in July.

● *Panorama: Who's Sorry Now. Monday, 9.30-10.10. BBC1.*

The sting in endowments

This week, Commercial Union announced a ninefold increase in its profits for last year. The surrender value of an endowment policy taken out by one of its customers probably explains how such profits can be achieved.

The policyholder, who was sold an endowment mortgage in 1987 when interest rates were low and lots of fixed-rate mortgages with compulsory endowment policies attached were being marketed, has paid a total of £4,768 in premiums over the six and a half years. She decided recently to find out what she would get if she were to cash in the policy. She was told that if she paid right up to today, the company would send her back £4,169. If she kept on paying for another 12 months — a further £732 in premiums — she might get £4,370, or £201 more. Not a persuasive reason to keep the policy going.

As the competition to lend money increases, the few buyers venturing into the housing market currently are being lured to sign up for "cheap" mortgages with endowments attached.

What is not explained to a typical borrower with a £50,000 mortgage is that in the first year more than £500 of their premiums goes in commission to the salesman. This means that those who do not stay the course are severely penalised when they cash in their policy.

It may be argued that if you take out a 25-year endowment and decide after six or seven years to pay it off, you do not deserve to be treated well. But could it be the case that the companies are banking on most people surrendering their policies early? They laud the advantages of the 25-year investment but say little of the pitfalls of early surrender.

COMMENT



LINDSAY COOK

Deputy Business Editor

When disclosure of commission is finally implemented, the sales bumf should tell investors that if they cash in early they "will probably get back less" than they have paid in premiums. Of course, this still does not tell borrowers who are likely to need to surrender life assurance policies that they would be better off choosing an entirely different option, such as term assurance and a unit trust savings plan.

The reader who tried to cash in after six and a half years started her endowment policy two months before the crash of 1987. Most of her money went into a rising market. Had she taken out straightforward term assurance at the age of 24 and put the remaining £50 a month into a unit trust savings plan she would have fared much better but the salesman would have earned much less.

If she had chosen the average UK balanced unit trust — the nearest unit trust in investment profile to a typical endowment policy — her investment would now be worth £5,935. If she had managed to choose the best-balanced fund it would be worth £7,059.20 — not an unfair comparison as Commercial Union policies are sold on the basis that they are among the top performers of the life companies.

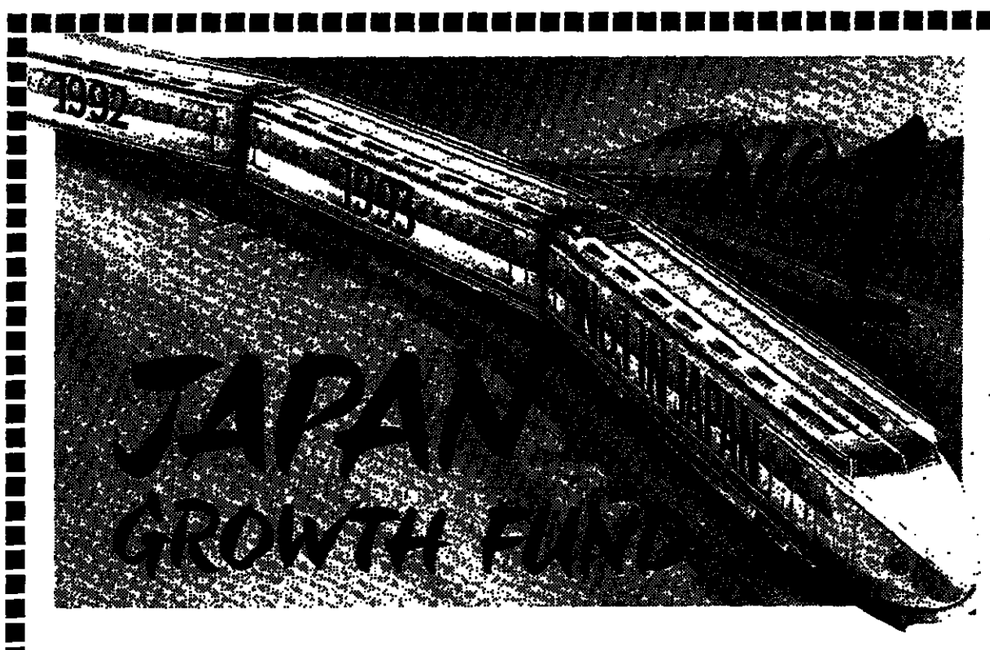
Had she had the foresight to invest in the fund through a tax-free personal equity plan, the average value would now be £6,255.66 and the best fund would return £7,469 by investing in the same markets as Commercial Union.

There is a lesson here for anyone tempted to take out an endowment policy. Don't do it unless you can keep paying for the duration. If you want to ensure that your family is not left homeless should you die early, term assurance is the answer. Investment decisions should be taken separately.

Top team

The Personal Investment Authority published its prospectus this week, outlining its industry-wide ombudsman scheme. The following day Julian Farrand, the insurance ombudsman and doughty fighter against insurance companies' sharp practices, expressed concern that his team might be jeopardised by the new ombudsman.

Not if the PIA has any sense. It should sign up Dr Farrand and his arbitration scheme straight away. The sort of team that can persuade an insurance company to pay £230,000 to one investor for the woeful mishandling of his portfolio, has the sort of skills that would allow all investors to sleep peacefully at night.



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Sporting offer from VATman

Golfers are agog to see who will get a refund, says Liz Dolan

A forthcoming VAT windfall for sports club members looks likely to rattle a few teacups in the clubrooms this summer.

Government confirmation last week that it would be refunding part of the VAT charged on members' subscriptions for the past four years, plus interest, has prompted hopes of a £150 million payout for Britain's amateur golfers, tennis players, weekend sailors and others.

The move follows the belated acceptance by Customs and Excise that it should have complied with an EC directive, in force from January 1, 1990, which allows members of non-profitmaking sports clubs to pay less than the full rate of VAT on their subscriptions.

Members of more exclusive clubs will have paid thousands of pounds each in fees over the past four years and, on the face of it, can now expect cheques for several hundreds of pounds apiece. But club officials and sporting organisations are advising them to wait and see.

Customs and Excise has until April 1 to finalise its plans, but there are fears that it will be unable to deliver so soon. A Customs spokesman says: "As far as we know, we are still on target."

Many commentators now warn that the amount involved, which will include four years' worth of interest, could be very much lower than first hoped. Only the sporting element of the subscription is to be exempted from VAT, a requirement which, if taken to its logical conclusion, means that clubs that offer minimal social facilities will receive a higher rebate.

At the same time, most club secretaries are likely to recommend that the rebate be retained for communal use. They say the alternative is likely to be an administrative nightmare as clubs seek out former members and beneficiaries of those who have died.

Captain Anthony Davies, of the Berkshire Golf Club, Ascot, says that when members vote on this question at the club's annual meeting in April, they will be left in no doubt of the potential headaches, not least the expense, if they grant themselves individual rebates.

Nigel Hook, of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, which claims to have instigated the refund move, says the CCPR never intended members to benefit individually. He adds that, as far as he knows, clubs that find they are worse off under the new system will be able to revert to the old payment methods. Another potential problem is the decision to restrict VAT exemption to non-profitmaking organisations. This is likely to upset several high-profile clubs including, in the golfing world, Wentworth in Surrey and Gleneagles in Scotland.

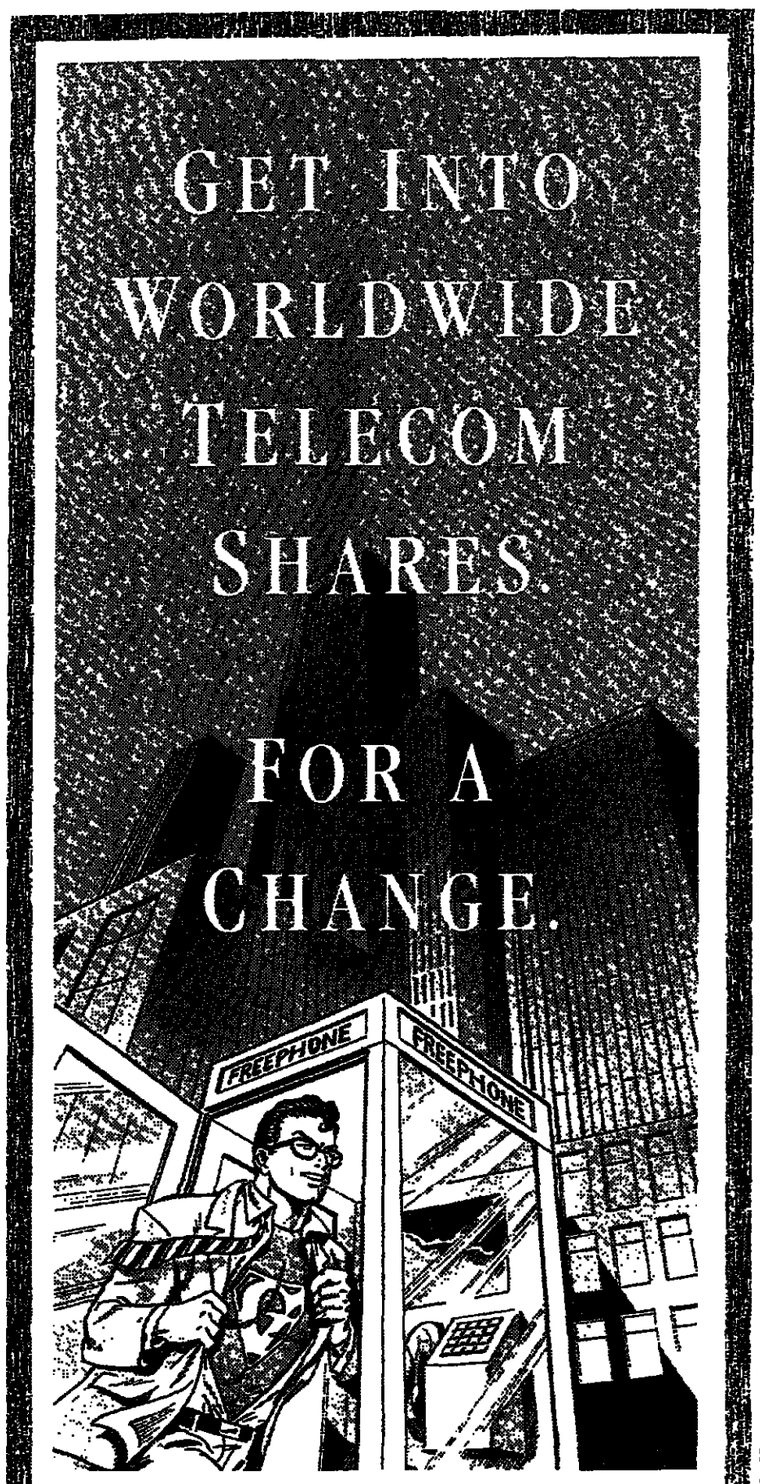
On the other hand, private clubs are unhappy about Customs' decision to continue charging VAT on green fees for members' guests, following protests by clubs run as businesses that exemption would give an unfair competitive advantage to non-profitmaking rivals.

Peter Duboff, VAT specialist at the Duboff & Co, the firm of accountants, forecasts a total payout worth perhaps more than £150 million and puts pessimistic forecasts down to a misunderstanding of how the regulations will work. He expects members to vote for individual payments where at all possible and says administrative problems will not be as great as club secretaries fear.

● A golf club member who has paid a level subscription rate of £750 a year since January 1, 1990, would receive £249.89, assuming that each member gets a rebate of half the VAT on membership fees paid over that period.
For those clubs which charge a year in advance, the rebate for 1994 at 17.5 per cent would be £65.63, making a total of £315.52



Golf clubs must decide whether the VAT refund is passed on to their members



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Codes on funeral costs

Rival groups are giving protection to those who pay in advance

Hot on the heels of the Office of Fair Trading's announcement that it is to investigate the pre-payment funeral business comes news of two separate codes of conduct produced by two warring factions in the industry (Liz Dolan writes).

This week saw the launch of a code of practice by the National Association of Pre-Paid Funeral Plans (NAPFP), which speaks predominantly for the country's two largest quoted funeral companies, Great Southern and Plantsbrook, and sells four in every five pre-payment plans. A second code will be launched next week by a rival organisation, the Funeral Planning Council, whose members include CWS Funeral Services and Golden Charter, which is linked to 1,200 independent funeral directors.

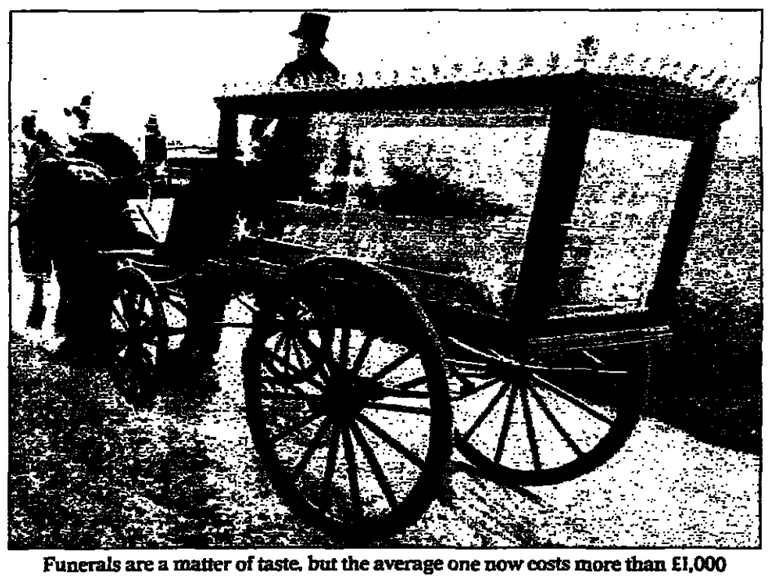
The NAPFP's code requires all members to transfer clients' payments into a separate trust fund administered by an independent body. This is an attempt to prevent a recurrence of the problems caused recently by the well-publicised collapse of the Will Writing Company. Money paid in advance for funerals disappeared with the rest of the firm's cash because it had not been safeguarded.

The code also makes provision for a four-stage complaints system, which involves local services such as Citizens Advice Bureaux and trading standards officers as well as members of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Complainants have to pay any fees, to be refunded only if the complaint is upheld.

Other issues covered include the monitoring of investments by independent bodies and the way pre-paid funeral plans should be advertised.

Gordon Kee, chairman of the Funeral Planning Council's steering committee, would not give full details of the group's forthcoming code, but revealed that it would differ from the NAPFP's in at least three ways. First, the FPC is in the process of appointing an ombudsman, whose costs will be funded by its members. People with complaints against FPC members will then be given the option of taking their case to the ombudsman, or to an outside arbitrator. Second, whereas both organisations require members to return clients' money if they decide to cancel their plans, the NAPFP only demands that firms return the original payment, while FPC members will have to make an additional payment to cover the cost of an equivalent funeral at prevailing prices. In other words, clients who cancel NAPFP plans after, say, five years, will have to make up the shortfall, whereas FPC clients will not.

Third, says Mr Kee, while the NAPFP selects a funeral director for the client, the FPC expects clients to make their own choice. This difference arises mainly because his organisation has access to around twice as many outlets as the NAPFP, he says.



Funerals are a matter of taste, but the average one now costs more than £1,000

● The average funeral now costs more than £1,000. According to Gordon Kee, managing director of Golden Charter, the pre-payment funeral group, the following is an approximate breakdown of his company's Classic funeral, costing £1,050:
Fees to doctors, clergy and cemetery or crematorium: £285
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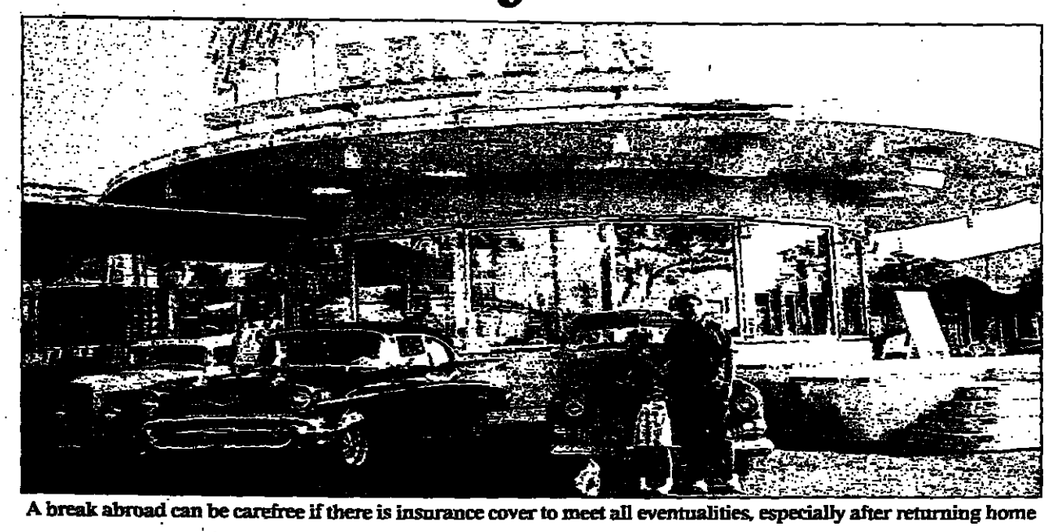
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When holiday becomes hell

Jill Insley looks at the insurance cover options available to win redress if your dream break goes wrong



A break abroad can be carefree if there is insurance cover to meet all eventualities, especially after returning home

If things go wrong on holiday, getting redress is often complicated, confusing and costly. All but the most trivial problems raise the spectre of sizeable legal bills quite apart from the difficulties if a dispute has to be handled in a foreign language.

Holidaymakers can protect themselves by buying legal expenses insurance. DAS Legal Expenses Company and Hambro Legal Protection both sell legal expenses insurance as an add-on to other companies' household and motor insurance policies. DAS handles claims on behalf of its policyholders; Hambro allows policyholders to choose their own solicitors to pursue claims. Cover for legal costs of up to £25,000 per claim starts from £10 a year.

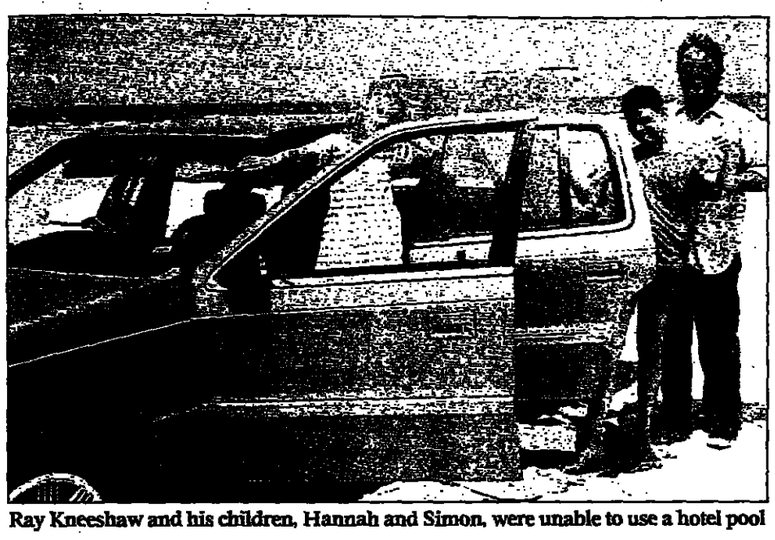
Paul Asplin, assistant general manager of DAS Legal Expenses Company, says that while most travel insurance policies include some legal expenses cover, it is limited typically to between £5,000 and £10,000, and excludes claims against the tour operator. Household insurance policies may provide additional cover of up to £50,000, which can be used to sue tour operators. It is important to check whether the policy extends to court action outside the UK.

If the policyholder has a contract, say, with a British tour operator to go to Spain and the hotel room is infested with cockroaches, or he suffers injury through some fault of the hotel, he can pursue the operator in the UK courts for compensation. The policyholder's UK legal expenses insurance would cover the costs. Most insurers also offer a 24-hour helpline giving free legal and practical advice.

While motor insurers also offer legal expenses cover, it is again important to check whether this extends to legal action outside the UK. The Prudential's motor insurance, Complete Car Cover, incorporates European cover for £50,000, while its household policy, Plain Speaking Home Insurance, provides £25,000 European cover for £12.

Commercial Union offers optional legal expenses cover of £25,000 with its household and motor insurance for an extra premium of £9.50 and £9 respectively. Both policies are restricted to legal action in the UK. Ian Frater, of CU, says that motor legal expenses insurance can protect the policyholder against the costs of recovering uninsured expenses resulting from a motor accident.

Norwich Union incorporates legal expenses cover of up to £50,000 per claim into its Lady Motoring and Motoring Gold policies. Sun Alliance offers a stand-alone policy, Family Legal Benefits, which is expensive at an annual flat fee of £195 for cover of £25,000, or £234 for £50,000, but the company is reviewing the types of incident insured with the aim of reducing the price.



Ray Kneeshaw and his children, Hannah and Simon, were unable to use a hotel pool

RAY Kneeshaw, an employee of DAS, had to use his own company's services after his holiday last June. With his wife, Jenny, and children Simon and Hannah, he went to Orlando in Florida for a two-week holiday. After four days, the hotel's swimming pool was emptied for maintenance, and when they left ten days later it was still empty. "With two small children who wanted to use the pool, it was very disappointing," he says.

One of his company's solicitors wrote to the tour operator, and by August Mr Kneeshaw was offered compensation of £150. "I didn't have to get involved at all," he says. "To be able to hand it all over to a solicitor and get a quick response made it a reasonable outcome."

Drawbacks of annual cover

People with annual travel insurance cover are losing out on holiday discounts. Paul and Cheryl Rogerson found to their cost that the annual policy they had taken out to cover them for business travel and holidays was not enough to satisfy the tour operator through which they booked their holidays. They have a Bradford & Bingley policy which specifically covers skiing and water skiing. When they booked holidays through the Barclaycard Holiday Club they were told that they would have to pay a £10 fee to Page & Moy, the tour operator, to verify that the policy was adequate.

BHC's leaflet contains a clause on insurance which states that customers "will be required to purchase Page & Moy's quality Norwich Union Insurance at the time of booking".

Page & Moy says that it will make exceptions, although it does not publicise them, because travellers are increasingly taking out annual policies: "We are usually obliging for those who have annual travel policies, providing they meet our minimum requirements." It charges a fee to check this, it says, because of the tortuous nature of insurance small print.

Bradford & Bingley, the Rogersons' insurer, says it is surprised and very concerned at what it sees as evidence of "further restrictive practice" among tour operators over travel insurance. "We would be quite happy to confirm Page & Moy's requirements for free, and to send the relative documents." It adds that at £24.95 per person for up to eight nights the Norwich Union policy was £5.45 more expensive than its policy is for 14 nights.

Tour operators have been criticised by consumer bodies for putting pressure on customers to take out their own travel insurance policies, which tend to include a generous margin for the operators.

Discounts offered on promotional offers or package holidays are generally conditional on compulsory insurance being taken out. Lunn Poly does not charge a fee for verifying annual travel policies, but will require an indemnity form to say the traveller has cover equivalent to its own. All its discounts are valid only on purchase of its own insurance.

The law does not require individual travellers to take out travel insurance. Tour operators are required to make travellers aware that insurance cover is available, but it is up to the traveller whether to take it up or not. ABTA advises its members to ask travellers who refuse cover to sign a disclaimer form for expenses they may incur. But it makes clear that it is entirely up to the tour operator whether it imposes insurance as a condition of travel. "If a package holiday insists on their cover then it is up to the customer whether they take the package or not."

The Consumers' Association is not enthusiastic about mandatory cover: "We don't think consumers should be forced to pay for protection they might not choose to have."

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■ **Deflated bouncy giraffe**
A mother was injured when a bouncy giraffe at a Majorcan hotel's playground deflated as she tried to help her son off. She fell on to a chain anchoring it to the ground. The tour operator refused responsibility until DAS issued court proceedings. An offer of £800 compensation was accepted.

■ **Bugs in Bulgaria**
A couple in Albena, Bulgaria, suffered a plague of ants, leaky lavatories, a slimy, greasy swimming pool, prostitutes touting for business and bar drinks past their sell-by date. The tour operator agreed £60 compensation each, but DAS negotiated a total of £228.

■ **Cockroaches on the Costa**
An apartment infested with cockroaches was supplied in Lanzarote for five days until the suite booked became available. This was little better. The tour operator agreed to refund the £60 difference in price for the accommodation, but refused compensation. After pressure from DAS, a £300 compensation and refund package was agreed.

■ **Bedroom mountaineering**
A couple skiing in Austria had a smaller double room than others in their party. The sparsely furnished room was no more than 9 ft wide and a chair had to be moved to pass the end of the bed. Complaining to the hotel did no good and the tour operator denied that the room was too small or poorly furnished. DAS met the same response, but after issuing proceedings, initially defended, won £300.

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Trusts tailor-made

Robert Miller says investment trusts could serve private investors better



School fees are one of the financial needs that trusts are now being designed to meet

Investment trusts need to tailor themselves to private investors' needs if they are to compete with unit trusts, according to NatWest Securities' *Investment Trust Yearly Review 1993-94*, published today. Robin Angus and Hamish Buchan, the authors, point out that during 1993 as much private savings money flowed into unit trusts every 18 days as into investment trusts over the entire year.

The authors, both directors of NatWest Securities, say: "Yes, £240 million may have flowed into investment trusts in 1993. But £176 million of it was in lump sums, not regular savings, and the average lump sum invested was a pitiful £1,800. During that same period, £9.1 billion flowed into unit trusts, £5 billion of it from the retail market."

But the authors believe there are signs that the investment trust sector is starting to think harder about private investors. They point to the recently launched **Foreign & Colonial** and **Merchant Investors** pension plans and the proposed **Kleinwort Benson** mortgage based on a personal equity plan. Even more promising are the plans of **Ivory & Sime** and **Flemings** to move into the "lifestyle" market, packaging *trusts to meet specific spending* needs, such as schooling and pensions.

The 192-page review takes the investment trust discount as its theme. It says that the effect of the discount — where the shares of the trust trade at a price lower than the value of the assets held in the underlying portfolio — has distorted past performance figures in favour of investment trusts. In future, trusts will stand or fall on net asset performance.

For many investors the larger trusts with well-diversified portfolios are the most attractive, and the authors recommend sticking to just two types. The first are those which already have a steady *demand for the shares from* private investors. This regular inflow of money provides an "insurance rating" in that the shares are constantly being bought.

The second type are for those who believe, as the authors do, that the stock market has further to climb, and as a result the managers have geared up, or borrowed additional funds, to buy more investments. In this latter category they single out **Scottish Eastern, Scottish Investment** and **Witan.**

The authors are relatively bullish about the US market and believe that the Far Eastern economies have further to go. They point to **Fleming American** and **US Smaller Companies** as US recovery and US dollar plays, but prefer the dollar-linked economies of the Pacific basin. Here they favour trusts with a lower than average weighting in Hong Kong, particularly **EFM Dragon, Gartmore Emerging Pacific, Govett Oriental, Oriental Smaller Companies** and **TR Pacific.**

On Japan, "either go for new issues or 'C' share issues (a form of rights issue), which may thereafter rise to a premium. Or trawl around in the much more cheaply rated Far East (including Japan) subsector for trusts with a high Japanese content, like **Drayton Far Eastern.** Among the general overseas trusts **Anglo & Overseas** and **Dunedin Worldwide** offer an attractive combination of a high UK/high Japanese exposure."

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HOW TO BOOST INCOME

THE strongest message to come out of the investment trust review is addressed to income seekers.

Robin Angus writes: "It is time to break the mental log jam which has harmed so many private investors — the belief that income is income and capital is capital and the two must be kept rigidly apart. I would encourage investors who need an income to draw it from the total profit of a high-quality portfolio rather than from the dividend income."

Mr Angus argues that were he looking for a high income he would not even look at a high-yielding trust. "I'd go either for the Monthly Income Plan offered by Ivory & Sime's ISIS, or I'd buy three or four good sound diversified trusts paying reasonable dividends, and also sell a small percentage of my shares each year in order to exploit the greatest tax break of all: namely the fact that capital gains are tax-free to a level of £5,800 per annum to all taxpayers."

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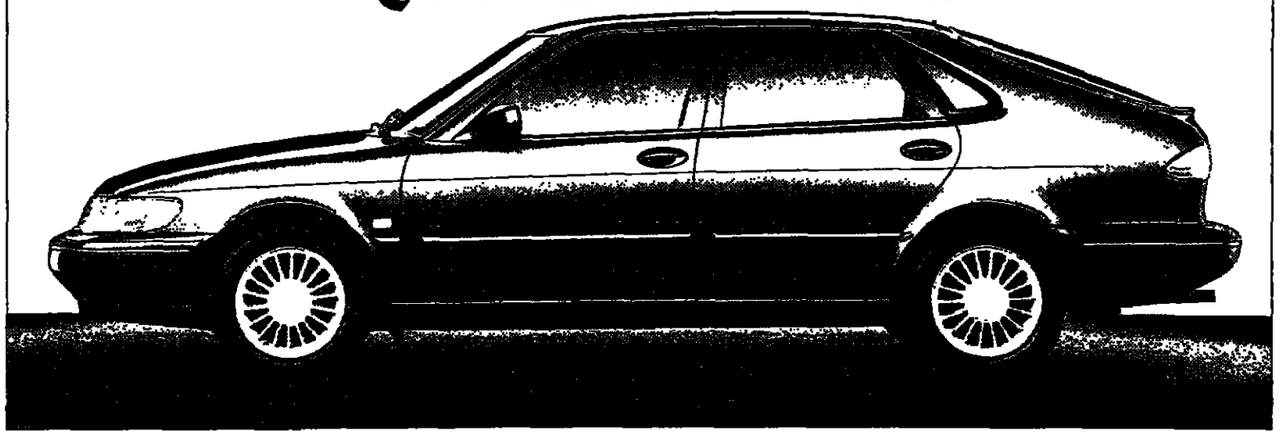
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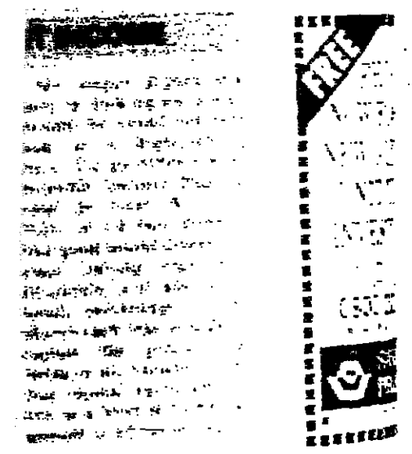
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- 30 million units (£150 million) are available under the Offer for Subscription. In addition, S.G.Warburg Securities Ltd. is placing 65 million units (£325 million) and a further 20 million units (£100 million) are available under the Intermediaries Offer.

Expected timetable

	1994
Close of the Intermediaries Offer	Friday, 25th February
Receipt of Application Forms under the Offer for Subscription by	3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd March
Basis of allocation to be announced	Monday, 7th March
Despatch of definitive certificates in respect of units	Thursday, 10th March
Dealings to commence in units	Friday, 11th March
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Issue price per unit (five ordinary shares and one warrant)	500p	
Issue price per ordinary share	100p	
Initial net asset value per ordinary share	95.5p	
	minimum	*maximum*
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Number of warrants following the Issue	65 million	115 million
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(d) No person receiving a copy of the Listing Particulars or a mini prospectus or an Application Form in any territory other than the UK may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such Application Form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such Application Form could lawfully be used without contravention of any registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the UK wishing to make an Application to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including obtaining any requisite governmental or other consents, observing any other formalities requiring to be observed in such territory and paying any issue, transfer or other taxes required to be paid in such territory.

(e) Applications must be made using an original Application Form; photocopies will not be accepted.

(f) The ordinary shares and the warrants have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and, subject to certain exceptions, the ordinary shares and warrants may not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to or for the benefit of any US Person or to any person purchasing such shares or warrants for offer, resale or transfer in the United States or to or for the benefit of any US Person as part of the distribution of such shares and warrants. Persons subscribing for ordinary shares with warrants attached shall be deemed, and (unless the Company is satisfied that ordinary shares with warrants attached can be allotted without breach of United States securities laws), shall be required, to represent and warrant to the Company that they are not a US Person and that they are not subscribing for such ordinary shares with warrants attached for the account of any US Person and will not offer, sell, renounce, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, such ordinary shares or warrants in the United States or to any US Person. As used herein, "US Person" means any person or entity defined as such in Rule 902(o) under the Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, US Person includes a resident of the United States, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the United States and an estate or trust, if any executor, administrator or trustee is a US Person, but shall not include a branch or agency of a United States bank or insurance company that is operating outside the United States for valid business reasons as a locally regulated branch or agency engaged in the banking or insurance business and "United States" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction. The Company has not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 (as amended).

(g) The basis of allocation will be determined by S.G.Warburg Securities in its absolute discretion after consultation with the Company. The right is reserved to reject in whole or in part and/or scale down and/or ballot any Application or any part thereof. The right is reserved to treat as valid any Application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions relating to the Application Form, including if the accompanying cheque or banker's draft is for the wrong amount. Dealings prior to the issue of certificates for ordinary shares and warrants will be at the risk of Applicants. A person so dealing must recognise the risk that an Application may not have been accepted to the extent anticipated or at all.

(h) 30 million units will be available for subscription under the Offer for Subscription. Further units may be available for subscription under the Offer for Subscription to the extent that units allocated to the Placing and/or the Intermediaries Offer are not subscribed thereunder. In the event that applications under the Intermediaries Offer and the Offer for Subscription exceed the aggregate number of units available, the further units that will be available for subscription under the Offer for Subscription will be determined by S.G.Warburg Securities in its absolute discretion after consultation with the Company.

(i) Save where the context otherwise requires, words and expressions defined in the Listing Particulars have the same meanings when used in the Application Form and explanatory notes in relation thereto.

Application Form Mercury European Privatisation Trust plc

- Notes on how to complete the form are given below. Applications must be for a minimum of 200 units (£1,000).

PLEASE
- *Use BLOCK CAPITALS where appropriate. Photocopies will not be accepted*
- **Make your cheque out to "Barclays Bank PLC A/C MEPT" and return this form to arrive by 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1994 to New Issues Department, Barclays Registrars, PO Box 166, Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TH. If you post your Application Form you are recommended to use first-class post and to allow at least four days for delivery. If you have any queries relating to the completion of this form, please telephone New Issues Department, Barclays Registrars on 081 650 4866**

Surname
Postcode
Date 1994

Notes
1. Applications must be for a minimum of 200 units (£1,000) Applications for more than 200 units must be in one of the following multiples:
– for more than 200 units (£1,000) but not more than 4,000 units (£20,000), in multiples of 200 units (£1,000).
– for more than 4,000 units (£20,000) but not more than 20,000 units (£100,000), in multiples of 1,000 units (£5,000).
– for more than 20,000 units (£100,000), in multiples of 10,000 units (£50,000).
Applications for any other numbers may be rejected. Applications for units are made on the basis of the information in the Listing Particulars of the Company dated 3rd February, 1994.
2. Your cheque or banker's draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a branch (which must be in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) of a bank which is either a member of the Cheque & Credit Clearing Company Limited or the CHAPS & Town Clearing Company Limited or a member of the Committees of Scottish or Belfast Clearing Houses or which has arranged for its cheques or banker's drafts to be cleared through the facilities provided for members of those companies or associations and must bear the appropriate sorting code in the top right-hand corner.
The right is reserved to reject any Application in respect of which the Applicant's cheque or banker's draft has not been cleared on first presentation. An Application may be accompanied by a cheque or banker's draft drawn by someone other than the Applicant(s), but any monies returned will be sent by cheque crossed "A/C Payee only" in favour of the first-named Applicant.
3. You may apply jointly with up to three other persons. Boxes 3 and 4 must be completed by one Applicant. All other persons who wish to join in the Application must complete and sign Box 6. Another person may sign on behalf of any joint Applicant if that person is duly authorised to do so under a power of attorney. The power of attorney (or a copy duly certified by a solicitor or bank) must be enclosed for inspection. Share certificates, cheques and other correspondence will be sent to the address in Box 3.

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 3500				
Balanced	461.30	485.20	-10.10	
UK Equity	587.10	621.30	-15.50	
Property	445.50	474.20	+0.30	
Fixed Interest	332.60	351.90	-4.40	
Money	242.20	258.00	+0.20	
International	372.80	395.60	-4.90	
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Scallop	17.60	18.56	+0.01	
Pearl	19.82	20.87	-0.34	
Owl	20.60	21.54	-0.34	
Bull	18.82	19.84	-0.21	
Star	20.41	21.49	-0.12	
Gilt Fixed	19.18	19.18	-0.33	
Deposit	17.50	17.50	+0.01	
Pen Life				
Squirrel	23.65	24.93	+0.02	
Bear	24.40	25.30	-0.45	
Owl	25.45	26.80	-0.35	
Bull	24.21	25.49	+0.31	
Star	25.72	27.07	+0.19	
Gilt Fixed	22.56	22.76	-0.40	
Deposit	19.50	19.50	+0.01	
Pr Lnkd Series				
Sel Fund	607.28	607.28	-7.91	
Lnkd Series				
UK Equity	548.32	584.35	-5.13	
N American Equity	301.74	317.63	+0.63	
Far East Equity	447.73	471.07	+1.11	
Fixed	300.91	316.57	-7.51	
Cash Deposit	201.02	201.02	+0.09	
Property	144.21	151.91	-3.20	
Special Opps	412.42	434.55	+1.50	
Managed	322.19	340.21	-3.73	
Index-Linked Fd	265.37	203.57	-7.73	
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	273.50	287.70		
-do- Acc	499.10	525.30		
Equity Fd Inc	176.10	185.30	-6.20	
-do- Acc	228.40	240.50	-5.10	
Selective Fd	486.20	511.90	-9.90	
Money Fd	367.50	386.90	+0.10	
Prop Fd Ser 4	365.50	385.00	-0.30	
Equity Ser 4	217.50	229.00	-6.10	
Man Ser 4	683.00	719.00	-14.20	
Conv Ser 4	321.10	338.10	+0.10	
Money Ser 4	320.60	337.70	+0.10	
Fixed Int Ser 4	349.00	367.40	-7.40	
American Ser 4	519.00	546.40	-10.10	
High Inc Ser 4	681.70	717.60	-21.00	
Indexed Int Ser 4	211.20	222.40	-4.70	
Japan Ser 4	380.20	400.40	+9.50	
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1600.6	1685.2	-43.10	
European Fd Acc	375.50	395.20	-9.60	
Fixed Int Acc	525.30	552.40	-21.70	
Gtd Money Acc	326.10	343.20	+0.30	
Intl Managed Acc	610.90	643.00	-9.90	
Int Fxd Int Acc	325.50	341.30	-6.40	
Japan Fund	307.60	324.00	+4.40	
N American Acc	326.70	343.90	-3.90	
Prop Fd Acc	423.10	445.30	+0.40	
Multiple Inv Acc	1077.3	1131.8	-26.20	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	367.00	382.30	+0.20	
Equity Acc	1455.0	1531.6	-27.30	
Property Acc	521.60	549.30	+1.30	
Far East Acc	352.70	372.40	+1.60	
Managed Capital	554.30	583.50	-10.10	
-do- Acc	1117.2	1176.0	-20.20	
Over Ass Acc	979.30	1030.9	-20.30	
Gilt Edged Acc	485.70	511.30	-11.40	
Amer Equity Acc	745.70	785.00	-9.20	
Amer Man Acc	319.50	336.40	-3.20	
Amer Prop Acc	118.70	125.00	-0.30	
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	148.20	156.05	-1.00	
Balncd Ser 5	689.40	726.20	-11.90	
Opportunity Ser 5	164.50	173.40	+0.70	
Distribution Ser 5	104.20	109.60	-2.30	6.57
UK Equities Ser 5	965.60	1016.4	-22.40	
Higher Inc Ser 5	1037.4	1091.9	-32.40	
North Amer Ser 5	439.60	462.70	-4.30	
Far East Ser 5	597.60	629.00	-5.10	
Europe Ser 5	365.40	397.70	-7.50	
Intnl Ser 5	571.60	601.70	+0.40	
Property Ser 5	527.20	554.90	+1.90	
Fixed Int Ser 5	415.50	437.30	-5.60	
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	181.50	191.00	-4.40	
Gteed Dep Ser 5	290.40	306.60	+0.10	
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	657.40	692.00	-26.90	
-do- Initial	581.50	612.30	-30.00	
Gilt Edged Acc	386.00	406.50	-12.20	
-do- Initial	265.50	279.50	-9.20	
International Acc	421.10	443.30	-4.90	
-do- Initial	286.20	301.30	-4.30	
Managed Acc	534.50	562.70	-12.60	
-do- Initial	364.70	383.90	-9.70	
Money Acc	267.40	299.90	+0.20	
Property Acc	291.00	296.50	-0.30	
-do- Initial	190.90	200.90		
America Acc	292.50	307.90	-2.50	
Australia Acc	224.40	236.40	-6.30	
Financial Acc	296.80	257.70	-17.60	
500 Accum	469.90	493.60	-9.70	
Japan Gwth Acc	386.00	406.40	-13.10	
Income Acc	573.20	561.40	-15.90	
Leisure Acc	241.90	255.50	-5.60	
Special Sits Acc	245.20	258.20	-8.30	
Univ Tech Acc	160.30	168.90	-2.80	
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	926.05	975.05	-10.95	
Income Fund	776.10	816.95	-16.50	
Extra Income	711.09	748.52	-15.90	
Worldwide Gth	536.03	564.35	-1.20	
Balanced Fund	673.84	708.90	-14.30	
Smllr Cos Recov	727.73	766.04	-5.51	
N Amer & Genl	391.60	412.22	-2.65	
Pacific Basin	499.95	526.27	-6.00	
German Growth	230.73	242.88	-0.64	
Japan Growth	195.57	205.87	-2.17	
The UK Gth Fd	214.16	225.44	-4.33	
Contl Euro Gth	133.04	140.05	-2.02	
Property Fund	390.22	410.76	-2.07	
Fixed Interest	322.74	339.72	-2.46	
Cash Fund	276.57	291.13	+0.14	
Managed Inv	500.30	526.64	-7.15	
Nth Amer Recov	212.93	224.77	-1.06	
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	692.07	727.47	-1.60	
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888000				
Measured Perf	171.10	181.60	-1.60	
Performance Plus	137.10	153.10	-1.50	
With Profit Perf	166.60	176.20	+0.10	
UK Opportunity	184.70	193.40	-5.90	
Euro Opportunity	221.40	237.40	-5.10	
North Amer Opp	175.60	185.80	-1.80	
Far East Opp	214.50	226.00	+0.30	
Gwth Prop Ser 1	142.00	149.40		
Gth Prop Ser 2	177.10	187.40		
Fixed Int	192.40	202.50	-3.60	
Cash	152.90	161.70	+0.10	
Overseas	199.40	211.00	-5.10	
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	1239.60		...	
Managed	336.30	354.00	-6.80	
Property	224.10	236.00	+1.00	
Gilt & Fxd Int	246.70	259.70	-5.20	
Equity	375.10	394.60	-6.60	
Cash	212.90	223.10	+0.10	
CLife Euro Mxd	370.70	390.20	-0.60	
CLife Ind Fd	367.10	386.50	-1.10	
For Cannon see Lincoln National				
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU 0908 606101				
Property Fund	182.50	192.20		
Managed Fund	614.70	647.10	-20.20	
Equity Fund	347.70	366.10	-14.10	
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	296.50	312.20	-6.40	
Ruby	176.70	186.00	-1.40	
Emerald	144.40	152.10	-3.20	
Equity	334.30	351.90	-10.50	
Property	213.60	224.90	-0.60	
Gilt & Fixed Int	211.70	222.50	-6.50	
Indexed Sec	166.00	174.50	-3.20	
Cash	182.90	192.50	+0.20	
Nth American	222.10	243.20	-1.50	
Far East	347.20	365.50	-7.50	
International	241.80	254.50	-3.10	
Special Sits	352.20	371.40	-7.40	
Intl Income	296.70	314.50	-9.90	
American Inc	193.90	204.20	-2.40	
European	313.40	329.90	-6.10	
Japanese	149.60	157.50	-4.50	
SE Asia	387.30	407.50	-13.10	
With Profit Reg	155.90	164.30	+0.30	
-do- Spec	157.00	164.20	+0.20	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	330.20	347.60	-9.40	
Equity	389.50	410.10	-15.10	
Property	194.10	204.40	-1.00	
Gilt & Fixed Int	258.50	272.20	-9.60	
Index Linked	175.90	185.10	-6.30	
Cash	242.10	254.90	+0.20	
Nth American	274.50	290.00	-2.30	
Far East Acc	344.00	362.20	-3.70	
International Acc	315.00	329.50	-1.40	
Special Sits	506.00	532.70	-5.20	
European Flex	462.10	486.40	-12.00	
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 890 000				
(Units) key	1236.01			
-do- Pacemaker	1330.29			
-do- Cash	199.52	210.02	+0.09	
-do- Equity	547.29	576.09	-19.15	
-do- Fxd Int	376.20	396.00	-7.62	
-do- Managed	391.22	411.82	-6.95	
-do- Property	380.91	400.96	-7.09	
(Pens) Cash Cap	207.25	218.17	+0.05	
-do- Cash Inv	295.25	310.80	+0.27	
-do- Equity Cap	1471.6	1549.0	-45.95	
-do- Equity Inv	2096.4	2206.7	-65.95	
-do- Fixed Cap	404.92	426.24	-10.44	
-do- Fixed Inv	579.71	610.23	-14.45	
-do- Index Cap	207.69	218.64	-7.03	
-do- Index Inv	295.94	311.47	-10.06	
Mixed Cap	579.68	610.19	-15.99	
Mixed Inv	825.82	869.30	-22.83	
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1724.13	...	-11.48	
Var Ann (5)	294.89	...	-1.20	
Prime Managed	411.80	433.50	-9.40	
Prime UK Equity	491.80	517.50	-14.90	
Prime Int Equity	321.10	338.10	-3.80	
Prime Property	232.20	244.50	+3.70	
Prime Fxd Int	245.40	258.40	-6.40	
Prime Index-Lnk	172.70	181.80	-5.70	
Prime Cash	200.40	211.00	+0.20	
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	1181.3	1243.4	-5.90	
Equity Fund	1722.0	1812.6	-11.90	
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mixed Acc	605.00	636.80	-14.20	
Life Fxd Int Acc	373.90	393.50	-7.60	
Life Equity Acc	830.60	874.30	-25.30	
Life Money Acc	294.22	309.60	-0.50	
Life Inv Tst Acc	850.90	895.60	-19.20	
Life Intl Acc	522.00	549.40	-4.70	
Life High Inc Acc	768.90	830.30	-24.70	
Life Property Acc	264.60	278.50	+0.30	
Crown Brit Inv A	1289.9			
Brewin Equity	717.40	755.10	-5.80	
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	171.00	180.10	+0.10	
Blue Chip Fund	252.00	265.30	-2.50	
-do- Series 2	163.30	171.90	-1.50	
Adventurous Fd	219.30	230.60	-0.80	
-do- Series 2	165.30	174.10	-0.90	
Performance Fd	262.30	276.00	-0.10	
-do- Series 2	171.10	180.20	-0.10	
UK Fxd Fxd Int	147.00	154.90	-2.20	
UK Equity Fund	165.10	173.80	-3.20	
Property Fund	115.40	121.50	-0.70	
Environmntl Opps	163.50	172.20	-2.60	
Euro Fund	184.40	194.60	-4.40	
North Amer Fd	202.50	213.20	-0.10	
Oriental Ops	256.00	269.50	+0.10	
Japanese Fund	136.10	143.30	-3.30	
Bri & West Life	119.30	125.60	+0.10	
BU & West Pen	132.10	139.10	+0.10	
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	282.50	292.70	-5.20	2.13
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	210.50	226.40	-7.80	
UK Equity	410.00	431.60	-13.70	
Stewardship	341.20	360.30	-9.20	
Overseas Equity	291.40	306.80	-3.90	
North American	154.10	162.30	-2.90	
Pacific Basin	175.90	185.20	+0.70	
European	204.90	215.70	-5.90	
Property	200.50	211.10	+0.10	
Fixed Interest	236.10	248.60	-7.60	
Index Linked	166.90	175.70	-4.90	
Cash	195.40	205.70	+0.10	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	395.50	416.40	-9.60	
GT Plan Wwide	575.50	605.80	-31.60	
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR 0904 628982				
Managed	213.00	224.10	-2.10	
Unitised Profit	129.00	135.60	+0.10	
UK Equity	282.00	296.70	-8.20	
Fixed Int	194.40	204.60	-6.60	
Index-Linked	165.90	174.40	-3.90	
Cash Deposit	170.60	179.50	-0.10	
Property	151.20	159.00	-1.50	
International	194.40	204.60	-0.40	
American	160.70	169.00	-1.40	
Japan	264.60	278.40	+6.80	
Japan Smllr Cos	270.90	285.10	+7.00	
European	182.30	192.10	-3.60	
Pacific Fund	312.30	328.60	-4.00	
Conv Life	140.80	148.10	-5.50	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	718.40	718.40	-14.50	
-do- Inv A	716.30	756.20	-15.20	
UK Equity	408.30	429.80	-10.00	
Gilt Plus	209.10	220.20	-8.10	
Managed	315.90	332.60	-6.60	
Inter Man	285.00	300.10	-4.60	
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	737.10	767.60		
Managed Initial	495.60	522.00	-15.60	
-do- Acc	694.80	731.30	-21.60	
Equity Initial	723.20	761.30	-24.00	
-do- Acc	1013.6	1066.9	-33.10	
Fixed Int Initial	464.90	489.30	-12.10	
-do- Acc	651.50	685.80	-17.90	
Intl Initial	495.50	521.60	-7.90	
-do- Acc	694.40	731.00	-10.70	
Nth Amer Initial	184.60	194.50	-6.40	
-do- Acc	235.70	246.10	-8.30	
Pacific Initial	260.00	260.60	-5.20	
-do- Acc	336.10	357.90	-6.40	
Property Initial	167.10	175.90		
-do- Acc	235.50	246.10		
Index-Lnkd Intl	162.20	170.90	-5.40	
-do- Acc	206.90	217.80	-6.90	
Deposit Initial	195.50	205.90	+0.10	
-do- Acc	274.00	288.40	+0.20	
Euro Initial	103.70	109.10	-2.90	
-do- Acc	122.20	125.60	-4.50	
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG 0277 200039				
Managed	169.70	178.60	-4.20	
-do- Pens	209.70	219.60	-6.50	
UK Equity	167.60	176.70	-5.50	
-do- Pens	190.90	200.90	-7.90	
International	149.50	157.70	-0.20	
-do- Pens	167.40	171.90	-0.50	
Deposit	137.10	144.30	+0.10	
-do- Pens	160.90	169.30	+0.20	
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	381.40	405.90	-14.10	
North America	363.10	396.20	-4.00	
Far East Fund	692.50	776.80	-7.10	
Global Managed	491.50	522.90	-11.60	
Deposit Fund	224.40	236.30		
Prime Residential	128.70	135.40		
European Fund	265.30	282.30	-6.40	
Fixed Interest	69.90	74.40	-1.40	
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	517.50	547.70	-13.30	
British Fund	532.90	564.00	-17.20	
International	542.20	573.80	-5.80	
Dollar Fund	377.50	399.50	-4.00	
Capital Fund	479.00	506.90	-11.10	
Income Fund	708.80	750.10	-21.90	
Property Series A	433.60	458.90	+0.50	5.00
Property Units	706.40	743.90	+0.80	
Financial Fund	600.10	635.10	-25.10	
Managed Ser A	553.40	586.10	-12.70	
Managed Units	992.00	1044.3	-22.30	
High Yield Fund	683.90	723.80	-21.80	
Money Series A	281.30	297.70	+0.20	
Money Units	371.80	391.40	+0.30	
Equity Fund	631.80	668.60	-15.80	
Fixed Interest	387.60	410.20	-9.90	
Indexed Secs	185.30	196.10	-5.40	
European Fund	742.10	782.30	-19.50	
Natural Res	301.50	319.10	-14.80	
Far East Fund	693.50	733.90	-8.50	
Smaller Cos	530.10	561.00	-9.60	
Special Sits	460.20	487.00	-10.90	
Man Currency	258.80	273.90	-0.50	
Japanese Tech	286.70	303.40	+12.90	
US Smaller Cos	227.20	240.50	-2.50	
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 3TF 0727 48181				
Global Managed	564.80	594.50	-16.00	
Global Property	281.10	295.80		
Global Fixed Int	523.20	550.70	-14.00	
Global Equity	598.20	629.50	-20.60	
Global Cash	208.30	219.30	+0.10	
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	492.40	518.30	-12.90	
Property	472.90	497.70	-5.20	
Managed	428.70	451.20	-9.30	
American	409.30	430.80	-9.20	
UK Equity Fd	461.70	486.00	-12.60	
Japan	228.20	240.20	+11.00	
Index-Lkd	183.40	193.00	-5.40	
High Yield	870.10	915.80	-25.30	
Growth Cap	441.40	464.60	-12.30	
Money	393.40	414.10	-0.30	
International	411.40	433.00	-2.90	
Henderson Active	229.70	241.70	-1.90	
Perpetual Active	343.90	362.00	-4.70	
Growth Cap	441.40	464.60	-13.30	
-do- Acc	669.20	704.40	-14.60	
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.10	142.20		
-do- Acc	182.00	191.60	+0.10	
Brit Opps Int	147.90	155.70	-3.60	
-do- Acc	179.00	188.50	-4.30	
Cash Initial	167.40	176.30	+0.30	
-do- Acc	281.00	295.80	+0.20	
Equity Initial	673.20	708.80	-23.70	
-do- Acc	1130.3	1189.8	-39.70	
Fixed Initial	358.90	377.80	-12.40	
-do- Acc	602.60	634.40	-20.60	
Index-Lnkd Gilt	137.40	144.70	-4.30	
-do- Acc	196.80	207.20	-6.10	
Intl Initial	375.90	395.30	-2.30	
-do- Acc	620.60	653.30	-3.90	
Managed Initial	502.10	528.60	-12.50	
-do- Acc	842.90	887.30	-21.00	
Property Initial	203.20	213.90	+0.30	
-do- Acc	341.10	359.10	+0.40	
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	361.40	380.50	-10.10	
UK Equity	590.90	621.90	-17.60	
Property	296.10	311.70		
Money Market	246.70	259.70	+0.10	
Fixed Interest	322.10	339.10	-13.20	
Japan	422.20	444.50	+9.60	
North America	163.70	172.40	-1.60	
International	314.60	331.40	-4.60	
European	291.10	306.50	-6.70	
Far East	142.80	150.40	-0.90	
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£128.00		-3.04	
Property Units	£27.00			
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£66.89	£70.41	-1.19	
2nd Equity Acc	650.20	684.90	-14.00	
2nd High Inc Acc	619.60	652.20	-17.40	
2nd Property Acc	246.60	259.60		
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	183.70	193.30	-3.50	
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	487.40	513.00	-7.80	
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	245.60	258.50	-3.50	
2nd Deposit Acc	274.60	289.00	+0.20	
2nd Gilt Acc	309.80	325.10	-10.10	
2nd Amer Acc	718.40	756.20	-9.50	
2nd Intl Mny Acc	259.80	273.50	-1.00	
2nd Index Acc	202.30	212.90	-8.10	
2nd Far East Acc	501.20	527.60	+2.40	
2nd Global Acc	189.80	199.80	-2.20	
2nd Euro Acc	167.40	176.20	-3.50	
2nd Japan Acc	215.50	226.80	+6.30	
2nd Heritage Acc	69.90	73.60		
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	159.20	167.60	-2.60	
2nd Cap Gth Acc	134.40	141.50	-3.60	
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	1919.00	...	-32.00	
Fixed Interest	1418.80	...	-12.30	
Property	1327.00	...	+0.50	
Deposit	1284.70	...	+0.20	
Mixed	1601.00	...	-15.40	
Indexed Stock	1213.10	...	-6.90	
International	1299.50	...	-1.40	
Equity A	1213.50	...	-7.50	
Fixed Int A	1166.10	...	-5.40	
Property A	1162.80	...	+0.20	
Deposit A	1167.60	...	+0.10	
Mixed A	1197.80	...	-4.40	
Index Stock A	1167.00	...	-5.50	
International A	1187.40	...	-0.80	
Equity P	4767.20	...	-34.30	
Fixed Int P	1545.70	...	-15.40	
Property P	1302.20	...	+0.30	
Deposit P	1332.20	...	+0.20	
Mixed P	1559.80	...	-15.70	
Index Stock P	1242.30	...	-7.90	
International P	1351.30	...	-2.10	
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	1648.50	...	-17.80	
-do- Acc	11048.6	...	-27.80	
Property Cap	1146.70	...	-0.10	
-do- Acc	1228.80	...	-0.10	
Fxd Interest Cap	1207.90	...	-8.40	
-do- Acc	1325.60	...	-13.70	
Equity Cap	1336.50	...	-11.50	
-do- Acc	1533.70	...	-17.80	
Internatl Cap	1255.80	...	-7.70	
-do- Acc	1402.10	...	-5.50	
Gtd Deposit Cap	1167.90	...	-0.10	
-do- Acc	1260.30	...	-0.10	
Flexible Cap	1365.90	...	-10.30	
-do- Acc	1578.30	...	-15.90	
Moneymaker Fd	1448.90	...	-13.20	
Capital Growth	11721.8	...	-52.00	
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	417.20	438.30	-9.00	
Amer Rec Bond	491.90	516.60	-3.00	
Am Smlr Cos Bd	240.30	252.50	-4.50	
Australasia Bd	249.00	261.60	-10.40	
Commodity Bond	325.60	341.90	-11.30	
Deposit Bond Acc	353.40	371.20	+0.20	
Equity Bond Acc	1530.3	1606.9	-43.30	
European Bd Acc	383.20	402.60	-8.30	
Extra Yld Bd Acc	736.60	773.70	-33.70	
Far East Bd Acc	343.50	360.80	+2.00	
Gilt Bond Acc	457.30	480.20	-23.20	
Gold Bond Acc	166.60	175.00	-9.40	
High Yield Bond	358.10	376.00	-12.00	3.81
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	211.60	222.20	-9.10	
International Bd	794.90	834.90	-4.00	
Japan Bond Acc	296.20	311.10	+12.40	
Japan Sm Cos Ac	290.50	305.10	+9.80	
Managed Bonds	913.80	959.60	-19.20	
Prop Bond Acc	362.40	380.60	+0.40	
Rec Bond Acc	774.40	813.20	-33.30	
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity	225.20	237.60	-5.00	
UK Equity Acc	322.90	339.90	-10.90	
Special Sits	98.60	103.80	-2.70	
Special Sits Acc	135.50	142.70	-3.50	
North American	186.00	195.90	-1.50	
N American Acc	255.40	268.90	-1.90	
Pacific Basin	399.60	420.70	+0.90	
Pacific Basin Acc	548.70	577.60	+1.60	
Fixed Interest	295.80	311.40	-12.30	
Fixed Interest Acc	406.70	428.20	-16.60	
Property	164.40	173.10		
Property Acc	226.10	238.00	+0.30	
Deposit	152.00	160.00		
Deposit Acc	209.30	220.40	+0.10	
Managed	270.70	295.00	-7.00	
Managed Acc	342.50	360.60	-8.80	
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	721.10	759.00	-15.10	
Property Fund	510.50	537.40	+24.40	
Equity Fund	917.20	965.50	-34.00	
Gilt Edged Fd	622.20	654.90	-22.20	
Deposit Fund	322.80	339.90	+0.20	
Investment Fd	389.50	408.90	-14.80	
International	574.10	604.30	-4.50	
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead, Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	434.70	457.50	-1.60	
UK Equity	346.40	364.60	-15.90	
Gilt Edged	611.30	643.40	-17.60	
Interest Fund	373.70	393.50	-0.20	
UK Fund	511.40	538.30	-6.60	
Intl Equity	648.20	682.30	-5.70	
Intl Managed	605.10	636.90	-7.50	
North American	216.80	228.20	-2.70	
Far East	516.70	543.80	-2.90	
Intl Currency	270.70	284.90		
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	150.50	158.40	-3.00	
Fixed Interest	545.40	574.10	-16.30	
Managed	715.70	753.30	-12.80	
Deposit	331.60	349.00	+0.10	
Property	430.10	452.70	+8.50	
American	413.40	435.10	-5.60	
Australian	553.00	582.10	-12.30	
European	527.40	555.10	-13.00	
Global Managed	...	...		
Income Acc	772.10	812.70	-24.80	
-do- Dist	486.60	512.20	-21.40	3.65
International	327.20	344.40	-6.40	
Japan Smaller	551.00	580.00	+16.90	
Singapore & Mal	386.20	406.50	+20.50	
Smaller Cos	447.30	470.80	-9.70	
Tokyo Fund	713.70	751.20	+28.00	
UK Equity	605.00	636.80	-15.30	
CCM Varied Mg	747.80	787.10	-21.60	
Equity Pens Cap	...	...		
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	490.30	516.10	-11.10	
UK Equity	609.10	640.10	-24.80	
Overseas Equity	498.50	524.70	-4.60	
Americas	430.60	453.20	-7.90	
Far East	601.70	633.30	-9.90	
Property	204.40	215.10	-0.40	
Fixed Interest	375.80	395.50	-9.30	
Indexed Gilt	230.30	242.40	-7.40	
Deposit	211.30	222.40	+0.10	
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1419.3	1494.0	-27.90	
Eqty Fund	3075.8	3237.7	-94.50	
Property Fd	570.70	600.70	+30.50	
Fixed Int Fd	600.80	632.40	-16.10	
Deposit Fund	338.90	356.70	+0.20	
Intl Fund	243.90	256.70	-2.20	
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	157.40	165.70	+2.70	
Prop Acc (Gross)	316.70	333.40	+5.30	
Inv Equity	1212.8	1276.7	-45.90	
Inv Managed	957.30	1002.50	-19.70	
Ret Managed	962.90	1013.6	-26.20	
For Prolific see Scottish Provident				
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 766866				
Equity Fund Acc	298.70	319.10	-9.60	
Fxd Interest Acc	253.20	267.10	-0.10	
International Acc	274.80	289.90	-2.70	
Managed Acc	231.60	244.40	-2.30	
Property Acc	231.10	243.80	+1.30	
Money Acc	150.30	158.60	+0.10	
Spec Sits Acc	248.30	262.00	-7.80	
Japan Equity Acc	129.30	136.40	+5.20	
N Amer Acc	169.40	178.70	-3.50	
Pacific Acc	179.80	189.70	-2.50	
European Acc	188.00	198.40	-3.50	
PROVIDENT MUTUAL Willian Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0436 739080				
Managed Ord	477.30	502.40	-10.40	
Managed Initial	330.00	347.40	-7.40	
Equity Ord	718.90	756.70	-20.40	
Equity Init	497.10	523.30	-14.40	
I-Linked Gilt Ord	200.60	211.20	-8.00	
I-Linked Gilt Init	144.90	152.50	-5.90	
Oseas Equity Ord	397.10	418.00	-3.90	
Oseas Equity Init	274.60	289.10	-2.40	
Property Ord	255.20	268.60	-0.30	
Property Init	176.50	185.80	-0.20	
Fixed Int Ord	282.80	297.70	-10.00	
Fixed Int Init	195.50	205.90	-7.00	
Deposit Ord	201.60	212.20	+0.10	
Deposit Initial	139.40	146.70	...	
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	345.40	359.80	-3.00	
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	801.70	843.90	-21.40	
Equity Fund	1512.0	1591.6	-54.70	
Intl Fund	624.70	657.60	-9.10	
Fixed Interest	577.60	608.10	-19.20	
Property Fund	428.40	451.50	+0.20	
Cash Fund	357.30	376.20	+0.30	
Pacific Basin	379.60	399.60	-5.40	
N American Fd	242.00	254.80	-2.60	
Euro Fund	265.00	279.00	-7.70	
Balanced Fund	156.70	165.00	-4.00	
Strategic Fund	165.60	174.40	-3.10	
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1812.60			
-do- Acc	506.30	533.00		
Op Prop	468.30	493.00	-0.10	
Op Equity	933.30	982.40	-21.50	
Op High Yield	583.00	613.70	-22.00	
Op Managed	822.80	866.20	-14.70	
Op Deposit	383.50	403.70	+0.30	
Inc Gth	311.90	328.40	-10.00	
Japan Smlr	286.60	301.70	+11.20	
Managed Gth	272.40	286.80	-6.60	
Gilt	95.00	99.50	-3.50	
British	374.50	394.30	-36.20	
Global Bond	118.90	125.10	-0.30	
Global (35.34)	174.10	183.30	-2.00	
Gold Share	90.10	94.90	-4.80	
High Income	320.30	337.20	-10.20	
Income	449.60	473.30	-14.50	
Japan	469.30	494.00	+39.80	
UK Smlr Cos	340.00	357.90	-10.00	
Mngd Growth	490.30	516.20	-12.80	
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	981.70	1040.9	-23.50	
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	392.00	412.60	-9.40	
Equity Fund	536.80	565.00	-31.90	
Property Fund	319.00	335.70	+1.90	
International	502.00	528.40	-4.90	
Pacific Basin	312.90	329.30	+2.40	
United States	258.80	272.40	-1.80	
Gilt Fund	364.90	384.10	-11.40	
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	774.90	820.00	-15.30	2.13
Deposit Fund (2)	360.80	381.60	+0.20	5.75
Gilt Fund	524.20	554.80	-19.80	7.52
Global Equity Fd	246.70	261.10	-2.50	
Property Fund (4)	100.40	106.30	+2.40	5.87
4G Bond Fund	166.60	176.30	-1.50	
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	590.90	622.00	-14.70	
Fixed Interest	380.00	400.00	-9.70	
Index-Linked	198.50	209.00	-7.20	
International	475.60	500.70	-3.40	
Property	286.70	301.80	+0.30	
Cash	224.60	236.50	+0.20	
Managed	473.00	497.90	-8.10	
Cap Gteed Bd	112.10	118.00	-3.20	
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	177.16	186.48	+0.15	
Index-Linked	162.40	170.90	-5.20	
Fixed Interest	178.60	188.00	-6.80	
Mixed	258.50	272.10	-4.70	
UK Equity	242.30	255.10	-5.90	
International	267.40	281.50	-3.20	
American	255.90	269.30	-7.70	
Japan	250.20	263.40	+6.70	
European	250.80	264.00	-6.90	
Pacific	398.70	419.70	+1.50	
Technology	367.30	386.60	-4.00	
Currency/Currncy	231.50	243.70	-3.80	
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	205.80	216.80	+0.20	
UK Equity	363.30	382.50	-10.30	
American	260.20	274.00	-5.80	
Pacific	388.10	408.60	-5.00	
European	480.40	505.80	-12.30	
International	325.40	342.70	-6.50	
Fixed Interest	246.00	259.00	-7.60	
Index Linked	197.10	207.60	-7.00	
Deposit	189.60	199.60	+0.10	
Managed	292.90	308.50	-6.70	
Worldwide	132.40	139.50	-2.90	
Pen Worldwide	141.70	149.30	-3.50	
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1719.5	1772.7		
Safety Fund	238.20	250.80	-7.00	
Growth Fund	234.80	247.20	-5.10	
Opportunity Fd	229.80	241.90	-5.70	
Cash Fund	170.60	179.60	+0.10	
European Fund	349.60	368.00	-8.10	
Gilts & Fxd Int	202.30	213.00	-6.30	
Index-Linked Fd	181.60	191.20	-6.90	
International Fd	304.50	320.60	-3.80	
North American	347.40	362.60	-3.40	
Property Fund	121.50	127.90	-0.10	
UK Equity	247.00	260.00	-6.30	
UK Smaller	244.60	257.50	-5.60	
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	277.00	291.70	-4.40	
Equity	290.20	305.50	-6.40	
International	298.30	314.00	-4.90	
Property	220.30	232.00	+0.20	
Fixed Interest	221.20	232.90	-2.80	
Index Linked	179.90	189.50	-5.90	
Cash	183.10	192.80	+0.10	
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	835.40	878.10	-15.30	
Cash Fund	331.10	348.90	+0.20	
Property Fund	241.10	256.50	+0.20	
Equity Fund	989.50	1052.7	-17.10	
Fxd Interest Fund	463.00	487.90	-4.90	
International	444.10	472.50	-7.60	
High Income	730.00	776.70	-17.40	
Far East	662.60	704.90	+4.60	
North American	573.60	610.30	-11.90	
Special Sits	676.40	719.60	-11.90	
Technology	560.10	595.90	-7.60	
Extra Income Fd	392.50	417.60	-10.10	
Gilt Fund	479.00	509.60	-8.40	
European	156.00	166.00	-3.60	
Adventurous Mg	236.10	248.60	-4.50	
Secure Mgd	149.60	159.20	-2.40	
Equity Inc Dist	123.70	131.60	-2.30	4.41
North American	117.40	124.90	-1.80	5.00
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	982.00	982.00	-22.10	
Inv Pol 2	894.20	941.40	-21.10	
Inv Pol 3	858.10	903.20	-20.30	
Inv Cash	306.20	322.40	+0.20	
Mixed Fund	463.90	488.60	-10.60	
Equity Fund	545.60	574.40	-11.90	
Property Fund	224.90	236.80	+0.20	
International Fd	513.70	540.90	-7.20	
Fixed Interest Fd	383.70	404.00	-11.80	
Indexed Stock Fd	198.30	208.90	-7.60	
Cash Fund	222.60	234.40	+0.20	
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	387.50	407.80	-3.30	
Equity Acc	455.30	479.40	-6.10	
International Acc	362.80	381.80	-2.30	
Property	228.00	240.00	+0.20	
Royal Trust Mg	250.00	263.10	-2.90	
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	262.60	276.50	+0.10	
Equity	1016.7	1070.3	-30.20	
European	172.80	181.90	-3.90	
Far East	181.80	191.40	-2.10	
Fixed Interest	404.00	425.30	-13.70	
Index Linked	208.90	219.90	-5.30	
International	640.20	673.90	-10.40	
Managed	716.20	753.90	-17.60	
Nth American	146.90	154.70	-2.20	
Property	342.50	360.60	+1.20	
Pensions				
Cash	406.00	427.40	+0.30	
Equity	1470.6	1548.1	-51.90	
European	207.60	218.60	-5.30	
Far East	146.70	154.90	-1.50	
Fixed Interest	546.90	575.70	-17.30	
Index Linked	288.80	304.00	-9.30	
International	906.70	954.50	-16.30	
Managed	1007.6	1060.7	-28.30	
Nth American	194.20	203.90	-3.00	
Property	442.90	467.20	-2.00	
Stock Exchange	228.00	240.00	+0.40	
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	681.20	717.10	-16.10	
Equity Fund	944.40	994.10	-25.90	
Fixed Interest Fd	426.60	449.10	-11.60	
Index-Linked Fd	313.70	330.20	-8.30	
Property Fund	497.70	523.90	+5.40	
International Fd	669.60	705.50	-2.00	
N American Fd	283.50	299.20	-0.30	
Far East Fund	248.20	261.30	+2.50	
Deposit Fund	288.90	304.10	+0.20	
International Bd	1042.37		+0.24	
Worldwide Bond	162.30	170.90	-2.30	
Worldwide Fixd	80.30	84.50		
Worldwide Tech	95.40	100.50		
European	169.40	178.40	-4.30	
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	678.20	714.00	-5.90	
Ebor Phoenix Eq	464.10	489.10	-31.30	
Property Growth				
Property Fund	1571.30		+0.00	
-do- Acc	2534.70		-5.60	
Agricultural Fd	1797.30		-0.30	
-do- Acc	2766.00		-0.30	
Abbey Nat Fd	1427.30		+2.40	
Abbey Nat Acc	1453.20		+2.50	
Investment Fd	1361.00		-5.00	
Investment (A)	2347.00		-4.90	
Equity	11298		-35.60	
Equity Acc	11243.4		-34.20	
Money Fund	1459.90		+0.20	
-do- Acc	1439.50		+0.20	
Actuarial Fd	1598.10		-10.20	
Gilt-Edged Fd	1399.60		-10.20	
-do- Acc	1399.60		-10.20	
Retire Annuity	11159.9			
Immed Annuity	1315.50			
Bldg Soc Life	1220.50		+0.10	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	11517.3		-32.10	
Managed Acc	1956.37		+2.70	
Equity Account	11216.3		+9.70	
Mngd Fund Acc	395.50	416.30	-1.20	
Equity Fund Acc	533.90	562.00	-4.50	
Prop Fund Acc	241.60	254.40	-0.50	
Fixed Int Fd Acc	331.50	349.00	-0.20	
Money Fund Acc	216.37	227.70	+0.10	
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	214.20	225.60	-2.50	
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Pens Guarantee	235.70	248.10	+0.40	
Pens Equity	343.90	362.00	-3.40	
Pens Property	272.00	286.40	-0.70	
Pens Fixed Int	297.70	313.40	-4.90	
Pens Intl	254.10	267.50	-1.10	
Pens Money	229.40	241.50	+0.30	
Pens Indx-Lnkd	200.30	210.90	-4.80	
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	923.20	971.80	-21.90	
Property Acc	338.70	356.50	-16.90	
Equity Acc	1486.9	1565.2	-42.90	
Fixed Int Acc	399.70	420.80	-15.20	
Index-Linked Acc	203.90	214.70	-7.60	
Cash Acc	302.30	318.30	+0.10	
Amer Equity Acc	370.00	389.50	+4.30	
Japan Acc	328.30	345.60	+6.00	
Pacific Acc	388.00	408.50		
Far Eastern Acc	906.70	954.50	+1.40	
International Acc	619.40	652.00	-5.20	
Distribution Fund	295.90	311.50	-1.90	5.62
European	196.30	206.70	-4.60	
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	285.70	300.90	-5.90	
Property Fund	211.30	222.50	-1.50	
Fixed Interest Fd	226.30	238.30	-6.10	
Money Fund	195.60	206.00	-0.20	
Equity Fund	381.20	401.40	-9.90	
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 394000				
Deposit	244.10	257.00	+0.10	
Financial Ser 1	50.40	54.20	-2.20	
Fixed Interest	326.90	344.20	-3.70	
Gold	90.90	95.80	-4.40	
Managed	645.70	679.80	-3.50	
Mngd Growth	211.10	222.40	+5.60	
Mngd Opp	224.30	236.20	-7.70	
Property	294.40	309.90		
Residential Prop	95.40	100.50		
TSB American	211.30	222.50	-1.70	
TSB Brit Gwth	845.00	889.60	-29.70	
TSB European	284.00	299.10	-7.70	
TSB Income	416.70	438.30	-16.10	
TSB Intl	439.90	463.20	-4.00	
TSB Intl Inc	294.30	309.90	-5.10	
TSB Pacific	457.70	481.80	-1.30	
TSB Prem Inc	268.50	281.50	-9.00	
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929				
Managed Bond	717.00	755.90	-11.10	
Money Fund	310.00	326.30	+0.30	
Equity Fund	662.80	698.40	-37.80	
Fixed Interest	285.20	300.50	-2.10	
Property Fund	354.00	373.00		
Gresham Framlington				
American & Gnl	604.20	636.70	-9.00	
Income	768.00	809.30	-24.80	
International Gth	670.10	706.10	-4.80	
Capital Fund	666.30	702.10	-13.70	
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Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.19	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.09	3.09	2.46	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	2.57	2.57	2.05	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	2.81	2.81	2.25	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528855
" "	3.33	3.33	2.66	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528855
NatWest	3.26	3.26	2.83	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" "	3.26	3.26	2.83	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	2.98	2.98	2.34	2,500‡	none	031-442 77 7
Barclays Prime a/c	1.70	1.70	1.35	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.19	0.19	0.15	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.56	3.62	2.90	2,000‡	none	0800 555884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.12	1.12	0.90	2,000‡	none	0742 528855
Abbey National HICA	1.19	1.19	0.93	1,000‡	none	Local Branch
Royal Bank of Scot Prime A/c	1.13	1.13	0.90	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Instnt Cheque Acct	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	071-600 6020
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
B						
Britannia	4.61	4.61	3.69	2,000 min	Postal	——
Birmingham Mid	4.75	4.75	3.81	10,000 min	Postal	——
Bradford & Bingley	5.33	5.33	4.26	25,000 min	30 day	——
Asset (Bristol&West)	5.36	5.36	4.29	25,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics	5.46	5.46	4.36	60,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Skipton	4.86	4.86	3.90	2,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.44	5.44	4.35	50,000 min	90 day	——
The Nottingham	4.80	4.80	3.84	25,000 min	60 day	——
The Scarborough	5.51	5.51	4.41	25,000 min	90 day	——
Nottingham Imp	5.63	5.63	4.50	40,000 min	1 year	——
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	3.25	2.44	1.95	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c²	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-4,99	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond³	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,999	3 mth	0253 766151
7th Index Linkd⁴	3.00	3.00	3.00	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
41st Issue Cert⁵	5.40	5.40	5.40	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan⁶	5.40	5.40	5.40	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.35	7.35	7.35	25-1,000		
Gov Exc Rate†	3.51	3.51	3.51			
Capital Bond⁸	7.25	5.44	4.35	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond⁸	4.50	4.50	3.60	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Consolidated Lf	4.30	4.30	3.66	2,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity	4.78	4.78	4.08	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Consolidated Lf	5.00	5.00	4.25	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Consolidated Lf	5.60	5.60	4.76	2,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
London & Manc	5.60	5.60	4.76	2,000 min	5 yrs	for details

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RPI (Jan 93-94)	+2.5%	Spanish Pesetas:	200.00
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TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investmt	Telephone number
Hinkley & Rug	7.60	£3,228.00	90 day loss	£3,000	0455 251234
Dunfermline	7.55	£3,228.50	1mths notice/loss	£3,000	0383 721621
Progressive	7.50	£3,225.00	£25+1mths notice	£1	0252 344255
Ipswich	7.40	£3,222.00	—	£100	0473 211021
Asset (B & W)	7.25	£3,217.50	—	£3,000	0800 303330

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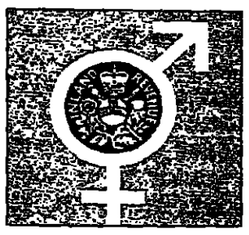
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Marriage and the tax allowance

From Mr J. A. Wildsmith
Sir, As I read Liz Dolan and Sara McConnell's "How to survive rising tax and bills" (Weekend Money, January 29), a leaflet from the Inland Revenue arrived, which told me that I would no longer



receive the full £1,720 married couple's allowance.

My notice of coding shows it reduced to £860, on the (false) assumption that I shall be paying tax at 40 per cent, so as *to restrict the benefit to an* amount that a 20 per cent marginal taxpayer would receive. Those paying 25 per cent will have the allowance restricted to £1,380.

So, the strategy for higher-earning wives to claim the allowance is now pointless from April 1994.
Yours faithfully,
TONY WILDSMITH,
554 Yarm Road,
Eaglescliffe, Cleveland.

Ernie's English for bond punters

From Professor D. J. Finney
Sir, Some who are disposed to *gamble when they are offered* very favourable odds must surely be attracted by the following sentence extracted from the current leaflet *on Premium Bonds*, National Savings leaflet *DNS/707/94/01*:

"The odds or chance of each single £1 Bond winning a prize *is 15,000 to 1 in each monthly* draw."

However, those whose disregard for English idiom, or ignorance of the distinction *between "for" and "against"* has produced this optimistic assertion have perhaps slightly *reduced the rush of punters* by a notice now proudly displayed in many post offices. This declares an additional feature of new bonds to be *their "shorter eligibility"*, a statement possibly intended to refer to a reduction in the time interval between purchase and first inclusion in the *monthly draw!*
Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. FINNEY,
13 Oswald Court,
South Oswald Road,
Edinburgh.

Safe custody turns to lost property

From Lady Stewartby
Sir, I have recently received a letter from my bank informing me that they are planning to charge me for holding documents in safe custody.

The only share certificates they held for me have now been redeemed and when the *time came to redeem them, the* bank had lost them in their care!

So they plan to charge me for lost documents they don't hold.

That's progress.
Yours faithfully,
DEBORAH STEWARTBY,
2 Baldwin Crescent,
SES.

Out of touch in the wrong area

From Mr D. M. Ellison
Having read your article on the BT Friends and Family 5 per cent discount calls (February 12) I tried to organise it. To do so, you phone 150.

In this neck of the woods they tell you that "you are not digitalised" so you can't go on it.

I wonder where you have to live to be so lucky? My daughter, in Fulham, is going to try her local 150 number and see if she can get it.
DAVID ELLISON,
Seacroft,
Brewers Hill,
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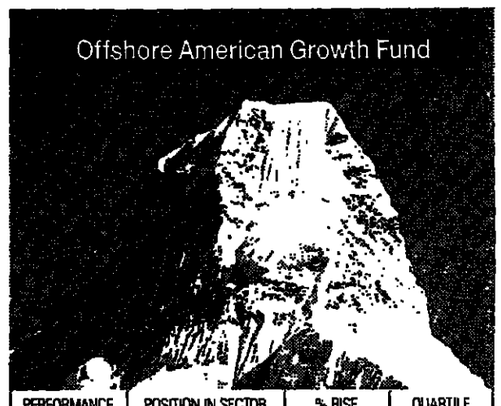
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1 YEAR	40 OUT OF 163	45.1	1
5 YEARS	14 OUT OF 96	81.1	1
SINCE LAUNCH	3 OUT OF 28	478.5	1

Offshore Emerging Companies Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	12 OUT OF 163	62.5	1
5 YEARS	1 OUT OF 96	193.6	1
SINCE LAUNCH	1 OUT OF 43	595.3	1

Offshore American Growth Fund



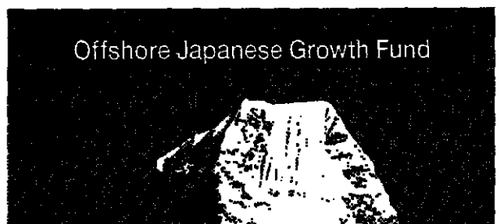
PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	28 OUT OF 136	21.8	1
5 YEARS	7 OUT OF 78	202.0	1
SINCE LAUNCH	1 OUT OF 32	773.6	1

Offshore Far Eastern Growth Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	7 OUT OF 67	106.7	1
5 YEARS	7 OUT OF 45	182.4	1
SINCE LAUNCH	3 OUT OF 24	409.2	1

Offshore Japanese Growth Fund



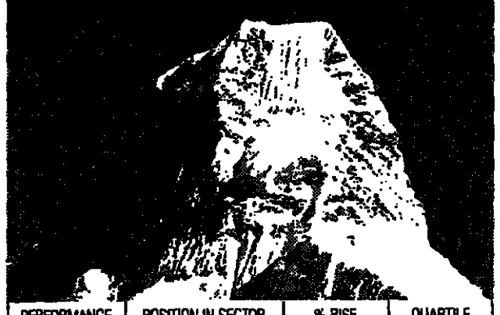
PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	19 OUT OF 109	50.5	1
5 YEARS	—	—	—
SINCE LAUNCH	3 OUT OF 96	42.7	1

Offshore European Growth Fund



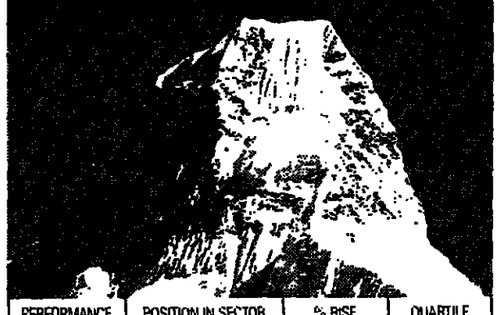
PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	39 OUT OF 121	39.3	2
5 YEARS	7 OUT OF 59	90.5	1
SINCE LAUNCH	5 OUT OF 23	125.7	1

Offshore UK Growth Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	4 OUT OF 66	45.6	1
5 YEARS	1 OUT OF 38	112.9	1
SINCE LAUNCH	1 OUT OF 31	211.4	1

Offshore Global Bond Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	42 OUT OF 152	15.8	2
5 YEARS	—	—	—
SINCE LAUNCH	30 OUT OF 136	18.4	1

Offshore Asian Smaller Markets Fund



PERFORMANCE	POSITION IN SECTOR	% RISE	QUARTILE
1 YEAR	—	—	—
5 YEARS	—	—	—
SINCE LAUNCH	13 OUT OF 94	92.4	1

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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 51 Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ 0895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	170.20	179.20	- 1.30	...
Grofund Equity	244.60	259.00	- 9.40	1.36
Grofund Euro	201.30	212.10	- 7.00	...
Grofund Expt Bal	119.20	123.60	- 3.50	0.99
Grofund Gilt	78.94	81.28	- 2.28	4.25
Grofund Japan	186.90	196.70	+ 5.50	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	537.90	573.20	-13.90	2.17
General Inc	484.30	515.50	-12.50	2.17
UK Growth Acc	364.40	387.70	-11.10	2.37
UK Growth Inc	255.20	271.50	- 7.80	2.37
Higher Inc Acc	677.50	720.80	-25.30	3.34
Higher Inc Inc	405.20	431.10	-15.20	3.34
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	190.10	200.70	- 4.00	5.61
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	97.20	102.60	- 2.00	5.61
Nth America	234.30	251.10	- 1.40	...
Far East	378.40	402.60	- 7.50	...
Europe	275.90	293.60	- 7.40	0.58
Brit Excell	72.27	76.89	- 2.25	2.49
Brit Fndmtls Acc	102.20	108.50	- 3.50	4.13
Brit Fndmtls Inc	77.62	82.58	- 2.62	4.13
Global Opps	68.82	72.37	- 0.34	...
Balanced Acc	55.22	58.75	- 1.75	2.26
Balanced Inc	54.73	58.22	- 1.33	2.26
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	136.30	144.60	- 3.80	5.53
High Inc Equity	173.30	184.40	- 6.60	3.95
Worldwide Bond	277.40	289.80	- 1.30	3.62
Capital Growth				
American Growth	308.70	330.20	- 7.10	0.35
Asian Pacific	369.60	395.30	- 5.30	...
Assets & Earnings	279.70	296.70	- 8.40	1.60
Comdty & Energy	127.40	135.50	- 5.30	0.41
1992 Enterprise	95.98	102.50	- 2.90	1.51
Euro Capital Inc	131.20	140.30	- 4.60	0.69
General	236.30	250.90	- 9.00	2.17
Japan	133.90	143.20	- 4.00	...
Mastertrust	147.80	158.10	- 2.90	0.83
UK Growth Dist	139.90	159.30	- 4.10	1.52
US Emerging Cos	145.20	154.50	- 3.30	...
Income & Growth	399.20	424.70	-16.40	3.09
Ethical	77.35	82.29	- 1.87	1.94
International	121.40	129.20	- 1.20	.09
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1905.0	1934.0	- 5.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	64.40	65.46	- 1.45	0.76
Amer Inc & Growth	45.96	48.47	- 0.37	2.65
Cash	50.44	50.44	+ 0.03	4.76
European	107.30	114.00	- 3.40	...
European Income	101.90	108.30	- 2.80	1.37
Exempt	1093.6	1147.1	-22.10	3.32
Extra Income	54.55	59.40	- 2.24	4.43
Far East Emg Ecn	120.70	130.10	- 1.40	0.49
Fixed Interest	26.75	28.56	- 0.43	6.46
Fund Inv Tst	184.30	196.70	- 5.30	0.96
Japan	209.70	222.30	- 7.00	...
Latin American	80.36	85.45	- 8.69	0.59
Pacific	77.59	83.09	- 0.34	0.32
Property Share	77.74	82.98	- 2.05	1.58
UK Emerging Cos	71.91	76.76	- 2.03	1.62
UK Growth	46.17	49.77	- 2.03	2.37
World Growth	79.17	84.50	- 2.12	0.65
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	96.91	103.10	- 2.57	2.83
UK Equity Growth	87.14	92.70	- 2.01	2.03
European	68.27	72.63	- 1.71	0.62
Nth American	68.14	72.49	- 1.25	0.97
Far Eastern	75.49	80.31	- 0.38	0.31
Money	65.43	65.43	+ 0.09	3.78
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	73.10	77.77	- 2.43	2.29
British Income	81.93	87.16	- 3.07	3.18
Select Portfolio	90.86	96.66	- 1.13	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	79.74	84.61	- 2.26	1.91
Income Builder Inc	70.54	75.04	- 2.50	2.69
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Clients dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	248.80	265.90	- 8.60	2.94
Capital	441.30	471.70	-11.50	1.49
Balanced	723.20	773.10	-21.70	2.35
Accumulator	1283.0	1371.0	-42.00	2.79
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.38	52.78	- 0.77	3.37
High Income	434.90	464.90	-14.70	3.37
Equity Income	243.60	260.40	- 9.40	3.36
High Yield	267.60	286.00	- 9.40	3.28
Govt Securities	34.75	36.67	- 0.71	4.42
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	136.60	146.00	- 2.50	0.24
European Growth	34.81	37.03	- 0.49	0.43
International	168.80	180.10	- 0.10	0.22
Japan	231.80	247.20	-10.70	0.01
Pacific	444.70	475.30	- 1.20	0.16
Secs of America	432.50	459.80	-10.80	0.60
Wwide Asset Val	49.83	53.23	...	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Amer Value	547.90	585.70	-19.10	2.14
Conv & Gilt	49.95	53.39	- 1.39	3.79
Smaller Cos	188.30	201.20	- 3.40	1.16
2nd Smaller Cos	180.80	193.20	- 2.60	1.14
Recovery	152.10	162.50	- 4.10	1.71
Met Min & Cdty	158.60	169.50	- 3.60	0.80
Oseas Earnings	369.10	394.50	- 8.20	1.99
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cnstrctn Ost Pens	105.50	109.60	- 2.30	1.45
Foundtn Persl Pens	67.04	69.65	- 2.33	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6787				
Capital	73.64	78.34	- 3.45	2.59
International	65.31	69.47	- 0.29	0.48
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	311.50	336.60	- 5.30	...
Bond	121.90	128.20	- 4.90	6.11
Brit Smlr Cos	107.40	114.30	- 1.80	0.90
Conv & Gen	67.27	71.79	- 1.69	4.86
Energy	451.80	491.30	- 9.90	0.22
Europe	236.70	251.60	- 4.60	0.45
Euro Smlr Cos	106.00	112.70	- 1.90	0.84
Income Gwth	373.70	398.80	- 9.40	3.82
Japan	348.50	370.80	+ 9.40	...
Pacific	116.10	123.50	- 4.00	0.64
UK Smllr Cos	54.69	58.18	- 0.64	0.75
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	300.40	316.20	- 4.60	1.15
Capital Gwth	118.50	124.70	- 3.60	2.14
Wwide Opps	195.70	206.00	- 7.90	0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	361.60	376.70	-13.90	2.23
European Bd Inc	97.20	100.60	- 1.50	7.16
Exempt	78.19	83.41	- 3.33	3.71
Financial	77.95	83.37	- 3.91	1.99
500.00	490.70	524.40	-11.60	1.95
General	283.80	303.60	-10.20	2.15
Property	249.10	266.40	- 1.80	5.47
Trustee	193.50	207.00	- 8.60	1.60
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60	+ 0.10	4.20
Extra Income	124.30	132.90	- 4.70	3.71
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.41	62.43	- 1.83	7.89
Income	560.30	599.50	-20.60	3.64
Income Builder	67.44	71.95	- 4.04	4.38
Intl Income	70.13	74.61	- 2.42	2.54
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	119.60	127.60	- 4.30	2.12
Leisure	126.90	125.20	- 3.30	0.78
Recovery	436.30	466.80	-16.30	2.01
Smllr Cos Inc	46.10	49.44	- 0.94	1.70
Special Sits	297.40	318.10	-12.60	1.41
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	137.30	145.30	- 1.40	0.14
Aus Acc	271.70	289.00	- 8.70	1.55
Aus Inc	170.00	190.90	- 5.40	1.55
Euro Gwth Inc	144.60	153.20	- 5.70	0.36
Japan & Gen Inc	197.80	209.40	+ 6.70	...
Japan Spec Sits	87.79	92.99	+ 4.13	...
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	102.40	109.70	- 1.40	...
Amer Smllr Cos	134.80	144.50	- 2.10	...
Cash Trust	50.61	50.61	+ 0.03	4.90
Convertibles	63.60	68.23	- 1.50	5.60
Eastern	299.60	325.00	-10.30	1.60
Equity Income	94.38	100.40	- 3.40	4.90
European Growth	295.70	314.40	- 9.60	1.50
Europe	217.10	231.70	- 6.70	1.50
German Growth	70.99	75.59	- 1.88	0.70
Global Bond	68.30	72.20	- 2.02	5.30
Global Growth	133.30	142.10	- 2.10	...
Japan Growth	227.80	244.90	+12.30	...
Japan Sunrise	194.70	208.10	+10.70	...
Korea Trust	81.87	91.44	- 0.85	...
Portfolio	139.00	148.40	- 3.80	3.00
UK Growth	97.20	103.40	- 3.10	2.60
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	82.22	87.47	- 1.53	...
Special Oppor Inc	56.31	59.90	- 2.03	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	187.70	200.70	- 3.60	0.47
Dividend	83.95	89.70	- 3.95	3.10
Int Gth & Inc	226.00	241.70	- 8.60	2.50
UK & Gen	46.04	49.24	- 1.91	1.32
Fund of Funds	69.73	74.63	- 0.93	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	111.22	118.95	- 3.86	1.27
Smaller Cos	109.99	117.64	- 3.09	0.97
Higher Yield	48.32	51.07	- 2.05	2.43
American Gth Inc	76.34	81.65	- 0.98	...
European Growth	134.02	143.33	- 6.21	...
Global Bond Inc	30.42	32.27	- 1.10	4.44
Mngd Ptflio Inc	45.12	48.25	- 1.36	1.02
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	68.85	69.79	- 1.20	5.31
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	158.30	166.50	- 3.90	1.35
UK Growth	170.10	181.00	- 6.10	1.78
UK Income	139.70	148.70	- 5.30	3.85
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	190.90	202.40	- 5.50	1.70
-do- Income Dist	114.90	121.80	- 4.80	4.38
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.62	45.18	- 1.39	6.02
For Cannon see Lincoln National				
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	150.90	160.60	- 3.30	...
European Inc	79.55	84.33	- 2.36	0.49
Smaller Cos I-II	87.49	93.08	- 1.14	1.35
Growth	445.30	476.30	-17.50	1.85
Income & Growth	423.20	450.30	-15.50	3.33
Japan & Gen	77.90	82.88	+ 2.75	...
Master Portfolio	10953	11372	-330.00	1.41
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	38.66	41.34	- 0.55	0.21
Cash Income	50.52	50.52	+ 0.04	4.86
European Gwth	39.47	42.10	- 1.33	0.36
Income & Gwth Inc	29.42	31.46	- 1.20	3.92
Intnl Gwth	32.47	34.72	- 0.55	0.53
Japan Gwth	28.85	30.85	+ 0.79	...
Managed Tst Inc	50.24	53.73	- 1.42	1.49
Oriental Opps Inc	150.80	161.20	- 9.60	...
Property Shares	48.11	51.45	- 1.17	1.58
Smaller Cos	33.55	35.88	- 0.80	1.47
UK Growth Tst	26.81	28.67	- 1.00	2.63
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.99	27.79	- 0.79	0.38
European Acc	26.95	28.82	- 0.82	0.38
Financial	157.30	168.20	- 6.80	1.66
Foundation	95.73	102.40	- 2.10	2.15
German	49.79	53.25	- 0.94	0.07
High Income	80.12	85.68	- 3.17	5.14
Income	139.50	149.10	- 5.60	3.36
Intl Growth	39.08	41.76	- 0.56	0.15
Mngd Ptflo Inc	107.70	115.10	- 2.80	1.61
Mngd Ptflo Acc	205.80	220.10	- 5.50	1.61
Monthly Income	88.08	94.20	- 0.31	5.09
North American	109.10	116.60	- 1.70	...
Orient	156.60	167.40	- 0.50	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	83.36	89.08	- 2.18	2.13
American Portfolio	90.77	96.75	- 2.10	0.99
European Portfolio	96.73	103.32	- 3.01	0.92
Japanese Portfolio	73.47	78.11	+ 2.46	...
Pacific Portfolio	147.43	158.53	- 6.14	0.72
UK Inc & Growth	76.50	81.80	- 2.34	3.53
Utility & Bond	97.23	97.95	- 2.46	6.02
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	65.91	70.11	- 2.48	2.86
Global Tst	...	...	...	...
Recovery Tst	...	...	...	...
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	149.72	161.95	- 0.36	...
UK Growth	114.27	123.66	- 0.86	...
UK Income	118.41	128.48	- 1.65	3.66
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	89.63	94.61	- 1.78	1.77
Beck Bio-Tech	38.44	40.89	- 2.35	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	163.41	172.01	-10.30	1.18
City Fin Assets	75.64	79.62	- 0.55	1.54
City Fin America	84.43	88.87	+ 0.64	...
City Fin Intl	84.32	88.76	+ 0.51	0.45
City Fin Japan	178.06	187.43	- 0.21	...
Friars Hse Cap	292.73	309.76	+ 1.03	2.15
Friars Hse Inc	212.19	225.73	- 0.45	4.65
Buckley Wrld Grth	146.14	155.47	- 1.29	0.64
Fairmnt Cap Gth	151.64	159.62	- 0.41	...
-do- Inc & Gth	121.95	128.37	- 2.46	1.54
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	60.65	64.36	- 2.07	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	60.48	64.68	- 0.32	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	39.04	41.98	- 0.37	...
Dragon Growth	75.47	80.72	- 1.46	0.30
Equity High Inc	86.18	91.69	- 3.98	3.34
European Gwth	49.85	53.03	- 1.50	0.71
Evergreen	31.89	34.11	- 0.31	...
General Equity	87.53	92.87	- 3.56	2.10
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.53	27.88	- 0.92	7.44
Japan Growth	53.55	57.61	+ 2.68	...
Pedigree Gwth	52.55	55.90	- 1.54	1.95
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.20	36.38	- 0.49	0.58
Retirement Inc	27.21	28.36	- 1.25	4.95
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	65.80	70.37	- 2.03	2.73
Income	61.59	65.87	- 2.30	3.78
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	173.37	184.44	- 7.47	4.70
Fixed & Convertible	46.28	49.23	- 1.44	5.77
Monthly Inc Plus	53.35	56.76	- 1.41	7.80
Preference Share	52.77	56.14	- 1.01	6.77
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	136.72	145.45	- 6.91	3.65
Managed Fund	70.00	74.47	- 2.10	2.71
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	45.30	48.19	- 1.14	1.79
UK & General	79.86	84.96	- 3.58	2.55
UK Growth	140.24	149.19	- 6.03	1.60
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	189.22	201.30	- 3.59	...
Far Eastern Gth	145.93	155.24	- 0.72	0.27
Global Bond	87.21	92.67	- 1.84	5.76
Japan Growth	132.77	141.24	+ 5.78	...
North Amer Gth	162.24	172.60	- 2.73	...
Oriental Growth	87.11	92.67	- 2.44	...
Worldwide Growth	67.23	71.52	- 0.29	0.23
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	59.46	63.25	- 1.94	2.60
High Income	34.92	37.14	- 1.01	4.60
Japan	38.53	40.98	+ 1.43	...
Smaller Cos Inc	33.91	36.07	- 0.38	2.30
Smaller Cos	35.29	37.54	- 0.39	2.20
North American	33.27	35.39	- 0.47	0.60
European	37.58	39.97	- 1.15	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.42	34.74	- 0.83	4.26
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	153.60	163.50	- 2.90	1.57
Income	76.55	81.44	- 2.86	4.20
European	61.76	65.71	- 1.21	0.63
Recovery	143.70	152.90	- 3.40	1.45
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	861.20	875.20	...	3.46
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 640 370				
Fellowship Tst	74.56	79.32	- 2.46	1.77
Income	245.80	261.70	- 8.50	4.30
Smaller Cos	159.90	170.20	- 3.30	1.18
Inv Portfolio	79.65	84.74	- 2.78	1.41
High Income Port	69.73	74.18	- 2.45	4.50
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 8177				
Euro Small Cos	1544.0	1578.1	- 4.50	...
Japan Small Cos	1295.2	1304.2	+13.40	...
UK Small Cos	1927.6	2007.8	-11.50	...
US Small Cos	1698.0	1743.6	-13.30	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	200.00	212.70	- 2.70	2.69
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	260.40	275.50	-10.40	1.09
New Asia	234.30	253.30	- 5.70	0.51
Japan Growth	134.20	142.90	+ 4.40	...
Jap Smllr Co	553.80	587.90	+13.60	...
Nth Amer	253.90	269.00	- 4.30	0.91
Shiltrd Asia Pac Mi	131.00	138.60	- 3.20	0.45
UK Inc & Grth	222.80	237.80	- 9.10	3.41
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	147.10	156.50	- 2.80	1.71
UK High Inc Inc	162.60	173.00	- 4.20	4.61
UK Pref & F I Inc	62.31	66.07	- 1.22	4.74
Envrnmntl Opps	85.65	91.12	- 1.62	1.35
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	123.20	130.90	- 1.40	0.15
Convertibles	25.08	26.65	- 0.78	6.19
Equity Income	137.70	146.30	- 5.60	3.42
EuroFund	45.59	48.22	- 1.12	0.83
Financial	51.65	54.88	- 2.48	1.46
Growth & Inc	243.10	254.30	- 9.30	2.90
High Dist	169.50	180.10	- 6.00	4.16
International	406.50	431.80	- 8.60	0.23
Intl Income	99.22	105.90	- 3.20	2.46
Latin American	51.99	55.24	- 6.73	0.23
Pacific	90.39	96.04	- 1.42	...
Tokyo	241.00	255.70	+10.10	...
UK Smaller Cos	250.40	266.10	- 5.40	0.88
ELCON LTD Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70538				
Elcon Trust	228.90	244.50	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	213.50	227.10	- 2.80	0.30
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	79.52	83.71	- 2.28	1.54
Far Eastern	329.15	346.47	- 1.74	1.30
High Income	138.74	146.09	- 4.90	4.14
Intl Growth	127.57	134.28	- 2.86	0.97
North American	120.37	126.70	- 2.47	1.00
Pelican	121.92	128.34	- 4.17	2.69
Smaller Cos	79.90	84.10	- 1.32	1.86
Special Sits	95.62	101.70	- 2.71	2.22
Tst of Inv Tsts	193.71	203.91	- 4.44	1.76
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	226.32	235.75	- 4.96	1.53
Smaller Cos Acc	391.80	408.13	- 8.61	1.53
Recovery	60.26	62.77	- 1.50	1.82
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	112.11	119.19	- 5.08	4.82
Capital Growth	82.92	88.93	- 4.32	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	47.06	50.20	- 1.20	0.22
High Income	48.15	51.36	- 1.60	8.63
Warrant	63.75	69.30	- 3.50	...
Zero Preference	37.0	39.28	- 0.63	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	79.34	84.40	...	2.38
Family Income Tst	53.12	56.50	...	5.86
Family Trust	96.36	102.50	...	1.04
United Charities	267.90	284.90	...	2.80
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.50
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.48	25.81	- 0.24	2.99
-do- Europe	24.06	25.36	- 0.57	4.85
-do- America	23.76	25.03	- 0.07	0.36
-do- Asst Japan	27.32	28.99	- 0.07	0.53
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	30.53	30.89	- 0.83	7.26
Intl Bond	31.28	32.63	- 0.43	4.87
Income Funds				
High Income	28.86	30.37	- 1.14	4.60
Income Plus	125.30	133.30	- 6.50	3.70
Amer Eq Inc	48.14	51.08	- 0.78	1.68
European Income	45.11	47.97	- 1.29	2.15
Far East Inc	65.93	70.43	- 1.19	2.01
Global Convertible	25.25	26.97	- 0.88	1.92
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.01	70.42	+ 1.16	...
American	242.30	256.80	- 2.20	...
Amer Spec Sits	114.20	121.90	- 0.60	...
Japan Smaller Cos	44.55	47.53	+ 1.54	...
European	166.40	177.00	- 5.80	...
European Opps	62.61	66.58	- 0.99	...
UK Growth	91.36	97.14	- 3.36	...
Growth & Inc	158.50	168.60	- 7.10	2.26
Intl PEP	36.82	39.13	- 0.99	...
Japan Spec Sits	98.33	105.00	+ 3.30	...
Japan	212.00	226.20	+ 9.40	...
Managed Intl	277.30	296.20	- 2.20	...
Moneybuilder	54.66	58.31	- 1.03	...
Recovery	47.47	50.48	- 1.24	...
South E Asia	164.20	175.20	- 7.00	...
Special Sits	553.10	588.10	-14.30	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	111.30	117.30	- 4.70	2.92
UK Reverse Index	74.80	78.79	- 3.25	4.56
Europe Index	116.40	122.60	- 3.40	4.29
-do- Reverse Index	66.11	70.14	+ 2.10	6.06
America Index	102.30	107.70	- 1.30	0.68
-do- Reverse Index	95.05	100.10	+ 1.23	0.79
Japan Index	138.20	145.50	+ 5.20	0.69
-do- Reverse Index	96.78	102.00	- 1.40	1.31
Cash Accum Units	104.51	104.51	+ 0.07	4.50
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	148.90	152.20	- 0.90	1.99
Inc Ptflio	92.35	94.01	- 3.11	3.45
Cap Ptflio	151.10	153.80	- 4.30	0.61
General Opps	136.50	138.50	- 0.80	3.12
Growth Inc	31.51	32.16	- 1.13	1.17
Private Portfolio	434.80	442.60	- 3.20	1.38
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1454 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	113.60	121.20	- 3.30	0.20
Far Eastern	194.60	208.50	- 0.40	...
High Income	22.92	24.39	- 0.49	10.35
Oseas Income	101.90	108.80	- 2.20	2.46
UK Growth	118.90	127.20	- 3.10	0.80
UK Income	112.60	120.70	- 5.00	4.56
US Smaller Cos	305.70	327.00	- 1.40	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	50.77	54.01	- 1.18	3.85
-do- Inv Tst Inc	79.19	84.24	- 2.85	3.68
Intl Growth	74.49	79.24	- 2.00	1.14
Investment Trust	93.36	99.32	- 3.05	0.27
UK Smaller Cos	87.78	93.38	- 1.79	1.16
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	56.43	60.19	- 0.78	...
(Accum Units)	56.43	60.19	- 0.78	...
Amer Smllr Cos	507.50	542.70	- 7.60	...
(Accum Units)	518.40	554.30	- 7.80	...
Capital Tst	338.80	360.30	- 7.10	1.26
(Accum Units)	476.80	507.10	-10.00	1.26
Contl Smllr Cos	60.61	65.39	- 0.56	0.15
(Accum Units)	63.36	68.36	- 0.58	0.15
Convertible	144.60	153.80	- 2.90	4.42
(Accum Units)	280.20	298.00	- 5.30	4.42
Emerging Markets	88.39	94.43	- 4.36	...
(Accum Units)	88.47	94.51	- 4.36	...
European	118.50	126.00	- 3.30	0.04
(Accum Units)	123.60	131.40	- 3.40	0.04
Extra Income	350.60	372.90	-12.30	3.01
(Accum Units)	508.30	540.50	-16.00	3.01
Financial	125.30	134.60	- 3.50	0.36
(Accum Units)	131.10	140.90	- 3.60	0.36
Gilt Trust	68.09	70.21	- 2.74	5.20
(Accum Units)	90.15	92.96	- 3.63	5.20
Health Fund Inc	146.10	156.00	- 3.40	...
(Accum Units)	146.10	156.00	- 3.40	...
Income & Growth	205.10	218.10	- 7.50	2.97
(Accum Units)	297.10	318.00	-10.60	2.97
Intl Growth	388.90	417.20	- 2.60	...
(Accum Units)	431.90	463.20	- 2.90	...
Japan & Gen	204.80	219.30	+ 7.30	...
(Accum Units)	206.80	221.50	+ 7.30	...
Managed Port Inc	110.70	116.50	- 2.30	0.56
(Accum Units)	116.40	122.50	- 2.40	0.56
Monthly Income	179.40	190.80	- 5.20	3.07
Quarterly Income	56.82	60.43	- 1.42	4.03
(Accum Units)	58.67	62.33	- 1.46	4.03
Recovery	368.60	394.10	- 6.20	0.08
(Accum Units)	433.60	463.60	- 7.40	0.08
UK Growth	54.14	57.75	- 1.49	1.96
(Accum Units)	54.14	57.75	- 1.49	1.96
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	395.12	420.34	-15.68	2.25
-do- Accum	815.10	867.13	-32.75	2.25
FP Euro Gth Dist	132.23	140.67	- 4.75	0.35
-do- Accum	137.33	146.10	- 4.93	0.35
FP Fixed Int Dist	140.43	148.54	- 4.81	5.91
-do- Accum	243.26	257.31	- 8.34	5.91
FP Intl Gth Dist	95.84	101.96	- 1.57	0.37
-do- Accum	99.77	106.14	- 1.63	0.37
FP Nth Amer Dist	195.33	206.93	- 4.42	0.57
-do- Accum	213.43	226.09	- 4.83	0.57
FP Pac Basin Dist	336.97	358.48	+ 1.68	0.01
-do- Accum	343.40	365.32	+ 1.71	0.01
Stewardship Dist	355.09	377.76	-10.14	1.58
-do- Accum	426.22	453.43	-12.16	1.58
Strdship Inc Dist	77.43	82.37	- 1.51	2.92
-do- Accum	97.44	103.66	- 1.90	2.92
N Am Stshp Dist	105.46	112.19	- 0.62	0.42
-do- Accum	111.64	118.77	- 0.65	0.42
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	244.10	258.10	- 8.80	1.90
Cash	49.38	50.12	+ 0.03	4.36
Growth Portfolio	87.87	93.15	- 0.35	0.32
Income Portfolio	71.17	75.26	- 2.35	3.31
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	165.50	177.00	- 0.20	...
European	541.10	577.50	-17.40	1.25
Far East & Gen	303.50	324.60	- 8.70	...
Germany	120.00	127.80	- 1.40	...
Global Assets Inc	...	...	...	...
Income Inc	166.90	178.50	- 4.70	4.22
International	367.90	393.50	-13.80	0.32
Intl Income	86.36	91.85	- 1.42	3.84
Japan & General	443.50	472.40	+11.80	...
Korean Securities	80.70	86.31	+ 0.01	0.15
Smllr Cos Div Inc	56.08	59.98	- 0.85	3.75
UK Capital (Inc)	196.00	209.70	- 3.00	1.67
UK Spec Sits	99.11	106.00	- 1.60	0.31
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	51.61	55.20	- 2.38	1.92
Cash Trust	132.22	132.22	+ 0.08	4.87
Practical Inv Inc	117.16	125.49	- 2.58	3.51
UK Index	151.99	154.63	- 5.71	2.79
UK Smaller Cos	124.61	133.27	- 4.14	1.29
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.28	29.18	+ 0.01	8.67
High Income	35.82	38.31	- 1.38	4.54
UK Equity Income	143.30	153.26	- 5.35	3.46
Global Bond	30.28	31.45	- 0.49	4.64
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	66.17	70.77	- 3.24	...
Global Inc & Gth	140.37	149.77	- 1.75	1.46
Gold & Intl Res	111.15	118.58	- 5.80	0.58
Global Utilities	137.31	146.59	- 4.83	0.75
Overseas Funds				
American	141.76	151.65	- 2.06	0.48
European	97.38	103.05	- 3.15	0.87
Euro Sel Opps	130.93	136.93	- 4.28	0.20
Amer Emerging	103.63	110.83	- 1.32	...
Hong Kong	164.20	175.61	-12.36	0.95
Japan	261.42	277.95	-10.70	...
Pacific Growth	241.47	258.26	- 5.04	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	218.96	218.96	- 6.31	1.73
Long Term Bal	238.60	238.60	- 5.69	2.05
Med Term Bal	198.47	198.47	- 5.74	2.14
UK Equity	239.55	239.55	- 9.05	1.41
UK Emerging Cos	150.03	150.03	- 2.66	1.79
American	230.09	230.09	- 4.20	1.27
Japan	146.51	146.51	- 4.50	...
European	249.32	249.32	- 7.75	0.99
Index Linked Gilt	167.69	167.69	- 5.68	3.05
Fixed Interest	161.81	161.81	- 5.50	6.47
Amer Emergng	265.98	265.98	- 3.30	...
Pacific	258.58	258.58	- 2.79	0.56
Emerging Mkts	209.18	209.18	-15.50	...
Index Strat Japan	158.26	158.26	- 0.82	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	217.23	217.23	+ 4.87	1.22
-do- Cont Europe	149.47	149.47	+ 0.21	1.61
Index Strat USA	134.27	134.27	+ 0.34	2.07
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	103.65	110.27	- 3.17	...
Med Term Bal	94.45	100.48	- 2.91	...
Long Term Bal	107.63	114.50	- 2.73	...
UK Equity	110.75	117.82	- 4.45	...
UK Emerging Cos	70.41	74.91	- 1.32	...
American	107.04	113.87	- 2.09	...
Japan	70.60	75.11	- 2.31	...
European	104.13	110.77	- 3.45	...
Fixed Interest	81.37	86.56	- 2.93	...
Index Linked Gilt	74.37	79.12	- 2.66	...
Deposit	76.80	81.70	+ 0.04	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	135.00	142.10	- 2.08	...
Berkeley Income	119.18	125.45	- 2.68	2.03
BWH Intl	145.17	152.81	- 1.79	0.56
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	64.06	67.63	- 1.18	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	60.68	64.04	- 1.65	3.40
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	152.90	162.40	- 2.20	...
Higher Income	141.30	148.60	- 2.30	2.50
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	595.75	634.84	-12.87	0.09
European Inc	147.82	157.25	...	...
Amalgam Inc	154.76	163.81	- 1.32	...
N America Inc	343.77	365.71	- 1.24	...
Far East Inc	359.06	381.97	- 7.00	0.20
UK Divid Inc	179.90	191.38	- 0.74	...
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	89.65	95.33	- 3.86	4.02
UK Small Cos	53.91	57.65	- 2.87	1.10
British Growth	58.60	61.80	- 2.52	2.14
American Gwth	166.93	178.54	- 3.88	...
Japan Gwth	89.73	95.96	- 2.34	...
Greater China	204.21	218.40	-13.17	0.96
Pacific Strategy	182.86	195.57	- 3.39	0.15
European Gwth	84.51	90.76	- 2.63	0.52
Intl Growth	162.31	173.50	- 4.08	0.24
US Index (E)	13.694	14.639	- 0.25	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	81.21	85.85	- 2.64	2.15
Monthly Income	45.71	48.95	- 1.80	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 405 0033				
UK Index (E)	11.903	12.447	- 0.46	3.60
Euro Index (E)	12.904	13.503	- 0.44	4.30
Japan Index (E)	11.682	12.227	+ 0.41	1.95
US Index (E)	14.414	15.079	- 0.26	1.50
Cash (E)	4.5247	4.5723	+ 0.00	4.10
UK Bear (E)	7.4126	7.7513	- 0.29	3.50
European Bear (E)	7.7064	8.0649	- 0.30	4.50
Japan Bear (E)	12.195	12.764	- 0.71	1.85
US Bear (E)	9.2086	9.6275	- 0.07	1.50
Dollar Intl (E)	15.828	16.566	- 0.18	1.53
Dollar Bear (E)	6.8569	7.1692	+ 0.01	3.60
Gilt Bull (E)	11.452	11.971	- 0.34	3.66
Gilt Bear (E)	7.2195	7.5465	+ 0.17	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	98.255	104.52	- 0.75	1.12
Bridge Income	286.57	304.87	- 7.67	4.80
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9048				
Cash	134.50	134.50	+ 0.10	4.00
European	465.40	497.20	-13.10	...
Gilt & Fixed	130.70	141.60	- 6.60	5.42
Growth Equity	345.30	366.70	-12.30	1.70
Income Trust	129.30	138.10	- 6.00	2.86
International	190.30	203.30	- 3.70	...
Japan Trust	139.50	149.00	+ 3.80	...
Nth American	279.40	298.40	- 4.50	...
Pacific	611.50	653.30	-12.00	...
Guardhill	503.00	537.30	-17.60	1.72
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2128				
EMU Trust	114.41	118.78	- 3.56	7.68
Global High Inc	118.74	123.28	- 2.30	7.38
Prem Fixed Int	113.44	117.76	- 3.71	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	105.75	112.01	- 5.92	4.55
European Growth	94.98	100.98	- 4.38	...
Intl PEP Trust	61.91	65.83	- 1.03	...
High Income	121.72	129.42	- 5.66	3.17
Recovery	404.50	430.10	-18.00	1.41
St Yins High Inc	134.50	136.51	- 4.71	6.69
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 818 868				
Global Advtg Inc	40.33	42.79	- 1.31	1.38
Income Advtg Inc	33.19	35.19	- 1.43	3.35
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Modal Ptflio	206.91	216.10	- 8.80	2.00
Smaller Cos	36.30	38.62	- 0.32	1.19
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD PO Box 2151, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	308.95	330.57	-12.02	0.85
Best of British	64.48	68.96	- 2.05	2.01
UK Smaller Cos	130.28	140.04	- 2.98	0.78
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	286.11	304.70	-10.73	2.56
High Income	346.05	369.92	-11.64	3.30
Extra Income	300.98	320.41	-11.34	4.16
Pref & Gilt	49.38	53.29	- 0.49	7.61
International				
International	250.30	274.72	- 3.51	...
Global Bond	58.36	62.07	- 1.12	6.00
Family of Funds	85.23	90.96	- 0.86	0.15
Global Tech	156.84	167.73	- 0.62	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	192.20	205.53	- 4.22	...
European	471.62	499.74	-14.69	0.37
European Income	84.89	89.83	- 2.59	2.18
Euro Smlr Cos	149.12	159.31	- 2.45	0.16
Eur Sp Sits	67.19	71.81	- 2.15	...
Japan Trust	223.79	238.27	+ 8.82	...
Japan Special Sits	259.11	275.86	+10.37	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	274.12	291.61	- 0.07	...
North American	248.28	264.04	- 2.93	...
American Smaller	109.25	116.78	- 1.77	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	58.05	61.53	- 0.92	...
Eur Sp Sits	57.67	61.13	- 1.88	...
General Growth	42.88	45.45	- 1.33	...
Global Tech	61.38	65.06	- 0.24	...
Income Growth	42.98	45.55	- 1.60	...
Japan Growth	27.37	29.01	- 1.08	...
Overseas Growth	40.93	43.38	- 0.50	...
Smaller Cos	23.02	24.40	- 0.50	...
Special Opps	30.43	32.25	- 0.68	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	101.70	108.70	- 4.10	1.73
Capital	178.00	190.30	- 5.30	1.35
Dollar	346.90	370.90	- 3.40	...
European	237.20	253.60	- 7.60	0.21
Far East	358.40	383.30	- 4.70	0.06
Financial	858.60	918.20	-41.10	0.90
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.67	28.74	- 0.86	7.13
High Yield	115.10	123.00	- 4.50	3.66
Income & Growth	152.70	163.30	- 5.70	2.82
International	257.90	275.80	- 3.00	0.01
Japanese General	213.00	227.80	+ 7.70	...
Japan Tech	83.44	89.24	+ 4.55	...
Nat Resources	75.57	80.82	- 4.76	...
Portfolio	77.19	82.55	- 2.20	1.62
Security	338.85	362.30	-11.30	1.71
Smaller Cos	141.60	151.40	- 3.40	0.86
Special Sits	159.50	170.50	- 5.30	1.06
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	200.43	213.50	- 3.00	1.23
Eurotrack 100	154.90	164.70	- 5.30	0.97
Footsie Fund	53.74	56.86	- 2.22	2.41
Japan Index	85.56	91.31	- 2.64	0.10
Tiger Index	217.70	232.30	- 5.90	0.19
Trust Index	126.80	135.30	- 3.30	1.55
UK Index	142.70	152.30	- 5.20	2.72
Active Funds				
American Growth	483.20	515.70	- 8.70	0.16
Asian	59.96	63.90	- 2.10	...
Capital	617.90	659.40	-20.20	2.03
European Growth	109.30	116.00	- 3.90	...
Global Bond	24.00	25.31	- 0.46	5.30
Hong Kong Gwth	121.40	129.60	-10.30	0.52
Income	583.10	622.30	-23.80	3.67
Intl Growth	81.80	87.20	- 0.44	0.06
Japan Growth	313.40	334.50	+15.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.71	41.31	+ 1.60	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	81.19	86.65	+ 3.21	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 520000 Enquiries 0742 528076				
Balanced	62.03	66.34	- 1.06	2.14
(Accum Units)	63.78	68.21	- 1.09	2.14
British Tst	85.37	91.30	- 3.21	1.86
(Accum Units)	98.27	105.10	- 3.70	1.86
Extra High Inc	74.38	79.95	- 2.97	5.56
(Accum Units)	136.30	145.70	- 5.50	5.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.31	60.71	- 1.79	6.25
(Accum Units)	159.80	166.30	- 4.90	6.25
High Yield	242.70	259.60	- 9.80	4.39
(Accum Units)	582.90	623.90	-23.70	4.39
Income	310.30	331.90	-15.40	2.62
(Accum Units)	663.30	709.40	-33.00	2.62
Japan Growth	347.80	372.00	...	...
(Accum Units)	367.10	392.60	...	...
Mandarin Tst	138.30	147.90	...	0.59
(Accum Units)	144.60	154.60	...	0.59
Money Market UT	49.26	49.26	+ 0.03	4.67
(Accum Units)	74.74	74.74	+ 0.04	4.67
Monthly Income	91.13	97.46	- 3.64	3.90
North American	...	...	...	...
(Accum Units)	...	...	...	...
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	101.50	108.00	- 3.80	1.82
European Growth	105.30	112.00	- 3.80	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	85.97	91.23	- 2.63	8.09
Income	89.28	94.98	- 3.54	2.78
Japan Growth	59.40	63.19	+ 2.91	...
Managed	68.74	73.13	- 1.17	2.40
Money Market	83.03	88.01	+ 0.07	4.56
North American	88.74	94.40	- 1.64	0.48
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	92.20	98.18	- 3.42	1.80
European Growth	99.17	105.50	- 3.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.54	86.96	- 2.50	6.04
Income	87.74	93.34	- 3.47	2.75
Japan Growth	59.20	62.98	+ 2.88	...
Managed	65.76	69.96	- 1.12	2.38
Money Market	85.74	91.34	- 0.05	4.52
North American	80.84	86.00	- 1.46	0.57
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	92.59	98.50	- 3.50	1.78
European Growth	96.73	102.90	- 3.50	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	75.87	80.51	- 2.36	6.13
Income	87.20	92.77	- 3.47	2.75
Japan Growth	60.65	64.52	- 2.95	...
Managed	69.08	73.49	- 1.19	2.36
Money Market	72.09	76.61	+ 0.04	4.56
North American	89.62	95.34	- 1.65	0.44
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	74.52	79.17	- 2.35	0.26
Smaller Cos	34.15	36.28	- 0.60	1.04
Special Features	33.18	35.25	- 1.28	1.20
(Accum Units)	39.55	42.02	- 1.53	1.20
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	79.02	83.95	- 3.06	1.72
Accum Units	95.00	100.90	- 3.70	1.72
General Equities	75.80	80.63	- 2.74	2.53
Great British Cos	53.84	57.54	- 2.27	1.56
Managed Invest	104.00	111.00	- 1.80	1.06
PEP Managed	74.45	79.46	- 2.02	1.98
Rupert Child Tst	83.84	89.43	- 3.30	1.67
UK Growth	61.10	65.42	- 2.01	1.43
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.10	50.10	+ 0.03	3.65
Cashbox (Acc)	57.40	57.40	+ 0.03	3.65
Extra Income	88.78	94.94	- 4.09	4.41
Gilt	29.06	30.62	- 0.93	5.92
Income & Growth	43.90	46.80	- 1.74	3.00
Minstar Gilt & FI	79.95	81.73	- 2.11	7.36
Preference Shares	19.56	20.78	- 0.35	7.77
UK Income	349.70	373.00	-14.70	2.90
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	71.29	75.74	- 3.53	0.52
Property Shares	86.56	92.09	- 1.70	0.09
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	52.21	55.47	- 0.70	0.51
US Smaller Cos	122.10	129.20	- 2.50	...
(Accum Units)	123.40	130.60	- 2.50	...
Europe Perf	150.00	159.40	- 4.40	...
(Accum Units)	155.10	164.70	- 4.70	...
Euro Smaller Cos	28.87	30.63	- 0.35	...
French Growth	80.08	85.21	- 2.20	...
Accum Units	85.79	91.28	- 2.36	...
H Kong & China	97.39	104.90	- 7.30	0.36
Intl Growth	60.01	63.76	- 0.92	...
Accum Units	60.31	64.07	- 0.94	...
Japan Perf	38.18	40.53	+ 2.14	...
Accum Units	38.18	40.53	+ 2.14	...
Japan Smaller Cos	45.67	48.54	+ 2.28	...
Singapore ASEAN	119.80	129.60	+ 2.40	...
Accum Units	120.60	130.50	+ 2.40	...
SE Asia	352.20	374.20	- 5.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	96.99	103.30	- 2.60	1.33
Intl Bond	57.76	58.57	- 1.30	6.20
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3820				
American Cap	178.90	190.20	- 3.80	...
Income	146.50	155.97	- 7.41	3.84
Eco & General	157.60	165.40	...	...
UK Growth	53.67	57.10	- 2.98	0.94
International	89.29	94.99	- 2.37	0.24
Ecology	85.11	90.54	- 2.38	0.57
European	116.25	123.70	- 3.41	...
Far Eastern	356.30	379.10	- 3.60	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7364 Admin: 071 956 6600				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	58.40	62.13	- 2.50	6.28
(Accum Units)	81.33	86.52	- 3.40	6.28
Gilt Yield	122.70	129.40	- 3.90	6.85
(Accum Units)	358.40	378.40	-11.30	6.85
Global Income	234.40	249.40	- 8.50	3.46
(Accum Units)	521.00	554.30	-19.00	3.46
High Yield	152.80	162.50	- 4.80	5.39
(Accum Units)	430.10	467.10	-13.40	5.39
Smllr Cos Div	61.64	65.57	- 1.30	2.64
(Accum Units)	77.35	82.29	- 1.62	2.64
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	98.51	104.80	- 1.80	...
(Accum Units)	101.90	108.40	- 1.90	...
North American	79.09	84.14	- 1.72	0.30
(Accum Units)	96.97	103.20	- 2.10	0.30
European Special	93.58	99.55	- 2.15	1.26
(Accum Units)	98.17	104.40	- 2.30	1.26
European	156.00	166.00	- 3.90	1.18
(Accum Units)	204.20	217.20	- 5.10	1.18
General	295.60	314.50	- 8.50	2.86
(Accum Units)	492.70	524.10	-14.30	2.86
Japan	463.70	493.30	+13.60	...
(Accum Units)	466.80	498.70	+13.70	...
Japanese Special	266.00	283.00	+ 6.90	...
(Accum Units)	267.30	284.30	+ 7.00	...
Master Accum	256.70	273.10	- 6.80	0.79
Pacific	369.90	393.50	- 1.90	0.37
(Accum Units)	433.80	461.50	- 2.20	0.37
Smaller Cos	125.40	133.40	- 1.40	0.87
(Accum Units)	169.90	180.70	- 2.00	0.87
UK Equity Growth	45.88	48.81	- 1.59	1.59
(Accum Units)	85.92	91.40	- 2.96	1.59
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA 071 629 1603				
Global Inc & Gth	67.15	71.44	- 1.14	0.80
Inv Trust	73.59	78.29	- 1.83	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	60.87	64.76	- 1.72	1.60
High Inc Acc	58.13	61.87	- 2.18	4.50
LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 115 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 556 5151				
European	94.76	100.80	- 2.10	0.79
Extra Income	27.16	28.89	- 0.65	3.14
Far East	33.13	35.24	+ 0.06	0.25
Income & Gwth	82.07	87.31	- 2.09	3.41
Intl Growth	60.70	64.57	- 0.44	0.32
Japan	69.03	73.44	+ 0.96	...
Maximum Dist	99.85	101.80	+ 0.10	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	42.56	45.28	+ 0.15	0.12
UK Equity	97.78	104.00	- 2.60	2.12
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	672.10	685.80	- 0.30	4.53
Intl & General	453.80	463.10	+ 0.10	0.55
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	59.46	63.26	- 2.38	3.95
Smaller Cos	57.55	60.90	- 1.00	0.82
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	260.40	277.00	- 9.90	1.58
High Income	115.30	122.70	- 4.50	3.58
International	102.10	108.60	- 1.10	0.40
Recovery Trust	68.10	72.45	- 1.62	1.19
European Trust	85.91	91.39	- 1.98	0.71
Japanese Trust	49.96	53.15	+ 1.91	...
American Trust	83.13	88.44	- 2.03	...
Managed	70.00	74.47	- 1.79	0.37
Cash	51.68	51.68	+ 0.02	3.98
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	363.80	389.50	-11.30	2.60
UK Inc/Gth	394.40	400.60	-12.80	2.88
UK Income	279.80	284.30	-10.50	3.49
UK Sm Cos	268.90	278.00	- 1.70	1.23
Euro Gwth	122.70	123.60	- 1.00	...
N Amer Gwth	83.07	84.60	- 0.44	0.22
Jap & Pac Gth	89.94	91.20	+ 3.05	...
Money Mkt	117.53	117.53	...	2.340
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	486.40	517.40	-19.50	2.34
Equity Income	105.40	112.10	- 4.10	3.29
UK Tactical Allocatn	57.81	61.39	- 2.48	3.62
European	115.70	123.10	- 3.50	0.61
Far Eastern	259.50	276.10	+ 4.90	...
Fixed Interest	54.83	58.23	- 2.07	6.65
Gilt	95.77	101.50	- 3.70	5.85
Global Growth	83.33	88.65	- 0.85	0.20
Intl Bond	55.57	59.03	- 1.41	4.83
Japanese	83.37	88.69	+ 4.39	...
North American	157.90	168.00	- 0.90	0.24
Pacific Growth	132.80	141.30	- 2.30	...
UK Index	64.60	68.18	- 2.57	2.67
UK Recovery	95.88	102.00	- 3.20	1.47
UK Smaller Cos	132.60	141.10	- 2.60	0.96
US Index	60.32	63.66	- 0.78	1.68
European Index	73.15	77.20	- 2.45	1.31
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	49.88	53.39	- 1.59	3.10
Income	61.35	65.62	- 2.20	3.58
Far East	62.97	67.35	+ 0.24	...
North American	102.90	110.20	- 2.00	...
Global	104.60	111.90	- 1.70	0.61
European	88.97	95.06	- 2.49	0.82
Japan	123.50	132.10	+ 4.80	...
Intl Currency Bd	59.65	63.22	- 1.20	6.02
SE Asia	127.10	135.90	- 3.40	0.68
UK Cap Growth	95.34	102.00	- 3.60	1.80
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	356.30	379.10	-13.20	2.42
-do- Acc	791.00	841.50	-29.30	2.42
Contl Euro Gth	62.35	65.64	- 2.20	0.96
-do- Acc	66.42	69.92	- 2.34	0.96
Extra Inc	270.30	287.60	- 9.90	3.36
-do- Acc	677.90	721.20	-24.70	3.36
German Gth	120.60	127.00	- 3.20	...
-do- Acc	126.50	133.20	- 3.30	...
Growth Port	571.40	607.90	-16.50	0.05
-do- Acc	578.30	613.10	-16.60	0.05
Income	508.10	540.60	-17.20	3.19
-do- Acc	1328.0	1411.0	-45.00	3.19
Income Port	531.30	565.30	-13.60	3.70
-do- Acc	546.10	581.00	-13.90	3.70
Japan Growth	115.30	122.70	+ 4.10	...
-do- Acc	115.70	123.10	+ 4.10	...
Master Trust	61.07	64.97	- 1.45	1.20
-do- Acc	67.22	71.52	- 1.60	1.20
N American Gen	200.60	213.50	- 3.60	...
-do- Acc	231.80	246.60	- 4.10	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	153.30	163.10	- 3.00	...
-do- Acc	156.40	166.40	- 3.10	...
Pacific Basin	295.60	314.50	- 6.60	0.36
-do- Acc	313.60	333.70	- 7.00	0.36
Small Cos Rec	380.50	400.60	- 6.50	1.82
-do- Acc	490.80	526.20	- 8.30	1.82
UK Growth	89.40	95.11	- 3.08	1.96
-do- Acc	106.20	113.00	- 3.60	1.96
Worldwide Gth	341.70	363.60	- 6.20	0.25
-do- Acc	504.00	536.20	- 9.30	0.25
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	66.50	71.35	- 1.94	0.30
General	90.66	97.22	- 3.26	2.40
Income	73.20	78.54	- 2.36	4.55
International	67.53	72.46	- 1.58	0.70
Japan	61.32	65.79	+ 2.19	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	72.38	77.66	- 2.20	1.90
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	417.30	441.30	- 9.60	0.74
Amer Recovery	474.80	502.10	- 4.10	0.30
Amer Smllr Cos	135.20	143.00	- 2.70	...
Australasian	180.50	190.90	- 7.30	1.16
Capital	838.70	886.90	-27.30	1.91
Charifund	724.00	731.90	-33.10	4.99
Commodity	395.10	417.80	-10.70	0.38
Compound Grth	947.80	1002.3	-33.70	2.39
Dividend	41.70	44.10	- 1.80	4.01
Equity Income	366.00	387.00	-11.80	4.46
Euro & General	509.20	538.50	-12.70	0.53
Euro Dividend	73.30	77.50	- 2.30	3.30
Extra Yield	436.50	461.40	-21.80	4.25
Far Eastern	407.30	430.70	+ 4.50	0.18
Fund of Inv Tsts	638.40	675.10	-18.30	1.76
General	62.60	66.20	- 2.90	3.52
Gilt Income	65.01	68.14	- 2.98	6.86
Gold	68.80	72.60	- 3.90	0.59
High Income	29.90	31.60	- 1.50	4.22
Intl Growth	81.60	86.30	- 1.30	0.71
International Inc	107.10	113.30	- 2.90	4.13
Japan & Gen	52.40	55.40	+ 2.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	181.70	192.10	+ 5.00	...
Managed Income	29.00	30.40	- 1.30	3.64
Midland	87.10	91.00	- 2.70	2.37
Pension Ex	963.60	987.70	-41.40	3.76
Recovery	43.70	46.20	- 1.80	2.09
Second General	74.40	78.70	- 2.60	3.18
Smaller Cos	76.00	80.40	- 0.70	2.32
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	82.28	87.53	- 2.63	0.21
High Income	305.60	325.10	-12.90	4.07
Intl Bond	68.62	72.28	- 2.09	4.72
Intl Equity Growth	72.97	77.62	- 0.51	0.30
N Amer Growth	99.38	105.72	- 0.93	0.74
Special Sits Growth	23.19	24.66	- 0.78	1.50
UK Growth	386.70	411.30	-15.00	2.30
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	1317.6	1346.9	-40.00	2.65
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	153.80	158.20	...	3.64
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	198.20	212.00	- 8.80	1.85
Gilt & Fxd Int	180.60	190.10	- 1.20	7.08
Intl Growth	220.60	235.90	- 2.10	0.15
North American	185.90	199.90	- 2.80	0.33
Far East	291.40	311.70	- 7.30	0.79
UK Smaller Cos	180.90	193.50	- 2.80	1.24
European	80.44	86.05	- 2.62	0.20
Japanese Growth	50.88	54.24	+ 1.89	...
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 488, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 688 066				
M & S Inv Ptflio	156.50	166.50	- 4.30	1.61
-do- Accum	176.70	187.90	- 4.80	1.61
UK Sel Ptflio	132.50	141.00	- 5.40	1.73
-do- Accum	151.10	160.70	- 6.20	1.73
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD St Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 862				
Managed Tst	70.12	74.58	- 2.25	3.42
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	79.26	84.14	- 2.60	4.30
European	83.78	88.96	- 3.23	0.62
Income & Growth	80.45	85.48	- 3.61	2.47
Nth American	60.95	64.70	- 0.11	0.34
Far East	185.80	197.20	- 1.00	...
Charities	123.20	130.80	- 4.50	3.28
Japan	61.13	64.90	+ 1.81	...
Emrging Mkts	131.40	140.10	- 6.10	0.17
Intl Growth	115.90	123.00	- 2.30	0.09
UK Growth	91.22	96.84	- 4.66	0.56
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2800				
American	206.40	219.40	- 2.80	...
(Accum Units)	220.60	234.60	- 3.10	...
American Opps	92.69	98.87	- 1.83	...
(Accum Units)	93.84	100.10	- 1.80	...
British Blue Chip	81.31	86.64	- 3.53	2.91
(Accum Units)	97.83	104.20	- 4.20	2.91
Cash	100.50	100.50	+ 0.10	4.75
(Accum Units)	133.20	133.20	+ 0.10	4.75
Emerging Mkts	137.60	148.00	- 7.90	...
European Growth	250.60	265.60	- 8.70	0.60
(Accum Units)	269.70	286.30	- 9.30	0.60
European Income	87.17	92.38	- 2.07	2.64
(Accum Units)	114.20	120.90	- 2.70	2.64
General	538.70	574.60	-20.70	2.11
(Accum Units)	1031	1100	-39.00	2.11
Global Bond	130.70	137.40	- 3.50	5.80
(Accum Units)	150.60	158.30	- 4.00	5.80
Gold & General	185.30	199.20	-11.80	0.47
(Accum Units)	189.50	203.60	-11.90	0.47
Govt Securities	98.97	99.98	- 3.52	7.11
(Accum Units)	170.70	185.20	- 6.40	7.11
Income	158.40	168.60	- 6.30	4.04
(Accum Units)	240.20	255.70	- 9.60	4.04
International	466.90	497.80	- 8.70	0.56
(Accum Units)	622.70	663.90	-11.50	0.56
Japan	205.30	217.60	+ 4.00	...
(Accum Units)	210.70	223.40	+ 4.10	...
New Europe	179.40	191.40	- 5.60	1.36
(Accum Units)	183.60	195.80	- 6.10	1.36
Pacific	141.70	151.10	- 0.30	0.55
(Accum Units)	150.70	160.70	- 0.30	0.55
Recovery	362.30	386.40	- 7.30	2.32
(Accum Units)	459.30	489.90	- 9.30	2.32
UK Smaller Cos	64.93	69.26	- 1.20	1.57
(Accum Units)	72.92	77.78	- 1.34	1.57
Portfolio	83.98	89.36	- 2.85	2.53
(Accum Units)	96.40	102.50	- 3.30	2.53
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	117.29	124.78	- 4.01	0.86
Intl Strategy	67.92	72.25	- 1.54	0.07
UK Income Inc	80.23	85.35	- 3.20	4.39
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.74	14.61	+ 0.09	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	312.90	333.80	- 7.60	...
European Gth Inc	387.60	413.80	-10.10	...
Intl Gwth	202.80	216.60	- 1.10	...
UK Equity Inc	187.10	199.60	- 5.00	2.93
UK Ind Trckr Inc	163.70	175.10	- 6.40	2.77
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	200.90	212.60	- 2.70	1.44
Japan Tracker	81.94	86.77	+ 2.29	...
Asian Trader	234.10	252.70	- 7.50	0.39
Managed Inc	154.70	166.40	- 2.80	1.56
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.00	+ 0.06	4.53
Europa	178.30	191.20	- 3.00	...
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	98.28	103.60	- 2.00	2.07
Acumen Inc	94.62	96.77	- 1.98	2.07
Acumen Reserve	85.77	86.64	- 2.93	6.81
-do- Inc	78.23	79.03	- 2.67	6.81
American Growth	184.70	190.00	- 2.00	1.22
Cash Income	49.62	50.12	+ 0.03	4.31
Equity Income	102.50	105.30	- 3.90	4.25
European	75.26	76.77	- 2.33	0.77
Smaller Cos	84.57	87.94	- 1.62	0.91
Olympiad	71.25	73.49	- 1.57	...
Global Bond	48.26	48.79	- 1.03	5.92
UK Growth	94.33	97.09	- 2.79	1.49
Pacific Growth	121.80	125.90	+ 0.30	...
Japan Growth	102.70	104.60	+ 3.10	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	120.90	128.60	- 3.51	2.80
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 882 680				
NM Unit Trusts				
American	45.22	48.19	- 0.92	1.63
Australian	361.80	388.10	- 9.10	...
Conscience	76.99	82.16	- 2.16	0.43
European	201.50	214.30	- 6.20	0.70
Extra Income	78.56	83.84	- 3.07	5.20
Gilt & FI	59.92	63.23	- 1.82	5.85
Gold	62.30	66.98	- 4.49	...
Income	59.09	61.96	- 2.59	3.75
Intnl	34.36	36.74	- 0.35	0.68
Jap Smaller Cos	388.60	414.90	+14.00	...
Sing & Malaysian	268.50	287.90	+14.80	...
Smaller Cos	32.43	34.57	- 0.71	0.57
Special Sits	38.59	41.49	- 1.00	1.48
Sterling Deposit	100.50	100.50	...	4.50
Tokyo	92.46	98.62	+ 3.61	...
UK Equity	181.40	193.40	- 6.10	2.57
US Smaller Cos	117.90	126.00	- 3.50	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5222				
UK Growth	78.11	83.10	- 2.93	1.65
UK Income	114.10	121.40	- 4.60	3.35
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.48	80.94	- 2.00	6.24
Higher Income	234.40	249.40	- 7.90	4.16
Smaller Cos	91.39	97.22	- 0.60	1.35
International	103.40	110.00	- 3.20	1.20
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	111.90	119.70	- 2.20	...
European Dist	107.20	114.60	- 3.10	...
Far East Dist	196.20	209.80	+ 3.60	...
Global Care Dist	76.18	81.48	- 1.91	2.28
Opens Dist	1056.6	1130.0	-10.70	0.33
UK Dist	355.30	380.00	-13.50	1.93
UK Extra Inc Dist	80.04	85.60	- 2.57	3.43
Wwide Dist	108.70	116.20	- 0.90	...
Wwide Inc Dist	73.77	78.90	- 1.20	1.88
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 640 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 388				
Europe Inc	61.71	65.13	- 2.35	0.35
Fund of Funds Inc	60.15	63.48	- 1.43	0.57
North America Inc	51.08	53.91	- 0.86	0.46
UK Equity Grth Inc	62.36	65.82	- 2.04	1.58
UK General Inc	60.57	63.93	- 2.08	2.00
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	50.33	52.99	- 1.64	6.28
UK Income Inc	61.37	64.98	- 2.28	2.52
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0800 440 600 Private client 0500 550 800 Broker: 0800 440 000				
Income	236.43	251.53	-10.41	3.20
Global	363.69	386.91	- 8.06	1.06
General	201.24	214.09	- 4.89	1.17
Bond	134.10	142.39	- 2.77	6.03
Growth	130.83	139.19	- 4.39	1.55
Intrepid	130.15	135.58	- 0.40	1.70
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 128, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	126.93	135.02	- 3.00	1.23
UK Equity	142.43	151.52	- 4.56	2.86
UK Equity Income	138.15	146.97	- 5.03	3.52
UK Smaller Cos	131.31	139.69	- 2.67	1.20
UK Equity Growth	132.98	141.47	- 3.87	2.56
UK Index Trckg	143.64	152.81	- 6.58	3.09
Intl Index Trckg	147.92	157.36	- 0.66	1.00
International	240.32	255.66	- 2.91	0.61
European	184.79	196.59	- 5.18	0.29
Pan European	129.72	138.00	- 3.89	1.10
Nth American	162.28	172.64	- 1.81	0.48
N Amer Smllr Cos	187.65	199.63	- 1.69	...
Japanese	103.79	110.42	+ 3.59	...
Pacific	258.67	275.18	- 1.72	...
South East Asian	288.15	303.55	- 4.38	0.23
Intl Bond	137.60	146.38	- 2.47	4.65
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	266.80	282.50	- 9.70	2.01
Growth	160.00	169.40	- 5.40	2.18
Income	249.80	265.70	- 9.50	3.06
Intl Equity	257.80	274.20	- 3.30	0.54
UK Income	68.57	72.94	- 3.08	2.65
UK Intl 25	80.32	85.44	- 2.66	1.54
New Europe	75.01	79.80	- 2.35	0.28
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	627.57	666.70	-13.31	0.15
Income	352.84	377.37	-13.64	2.57
Wwide Recovery	394.15	421.56	- 8.66	0.25
Amer Growth Inc	228.95	244.87	- 5.62	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	264.19	282.55	- 7.10	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	315.98	337.95	- 0.35	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	144.06	154.08	- 4.56	0.40
UK Growth Inc	90.64	96.95	- 2.99	2.12
High Income	97.05	103.80	- 3.63	3.39
Jap Gwth Inc	249.04	266.46	+ 9.96	0.01
PEP Growth	123.13	131.69	- 2.88	0.69
Asian Slr Mkts Inc	137.57	147.14	- 6.86	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	141.57	151.42	- 3.49	0.01
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	112.23	119.39	- 1.55	...
European	71.06	75.60	- 1.61	...
Global	72.91	77.56	- 0.85	...
Pacific	73.14	77.81	+ 0.93	0.05
UK Inc & Grth	69.28	73.70	- 1.98	1.85
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 549				
PRI Director Digs	106.61	113.54	- 3.74	...
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	170.93	179.93	- 1.07	0.39
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	62.07	65.79	- 2.17	1.86
Growth Income	64.82	68.70	- 1.26	1.24
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	138.99	147.44	- 3.82	1.23
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	99.73	106.10	- 1.00	2.71
Conv & Gilt	126.50	134.60	- 3.10	5.15
European Income	77.70	82.66	- 2.20	2.30
Extra Income	162.10	172.40	- 5.00	3.69
Far East	433.60	461.50	+ 3.40	0.20
Global Income	28.32	30.14	- 0.91	4.14
High Income	123.80	131.70	- 3.30	3.22
International	220.00	234.00	- 4.30	0.26
Pref & Fxd Int	45.30	48.19	- 0.72	7.00
Recovery	85.99	91.48	- 2.17	1.60
Special Sits	114.30	121.60	- 2.40	1.40
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	55.16	58.70	- 2.45	2.30
International	95.66	101.77	- 2.11	0.67
Gilt	26.90	27.73	- 0.88	6.37
Income & Gwth	76.80	81.70	- 3.48	4.46
European	53.15	56.54	- 1.80	1.12
American	55.17	58.69	- 0.92	0.05
Emerging Mkts	104.17	110.82	- 3.64	0.46
UK Smaller Cos	35.09	37.33	- 0.86	1.44
Gilt/Fixed Interest	28.04	29.83	- 1.04	5.38
Global PEP	41.35	43.99	- 0.75	1.42
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	254.20	272.40	- 7.90	0.72
Japan Inc	111.30	119.00	+ 4.30	...
Nth American Inc	116.90	125.50	- 2.33	0.12
Worldwide Inc	171.90	183.20	- 2.00	0.67
Hong Kong Inc	168.40	178.60	-15.30	0.86
Swiss Equities Inc	66.51	73.38	- 1.96	0.35
Wwide Bond Inc	66.30	70.26	- 0.73	6.28
Emrging Asia Inc	221.90	241.70	- 2.00	0.38
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.11	51.13	+ 0.03	5.41
Thailand Inc	158.30	170.90	- 6.80	0.77
Gold Trust Inc	81.61	88.34	- 5.02	0.49
New Zealand Inc	94.65	101.70	- 2.50	0.47
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	68.89	74.36	- 1.43	3.60
Latin Am Cap Inc	100.40	107.40	- 6.90	0.05
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	61.01	65.61	- 2.42	1.95
Le Fond Francais	71.81	77.36	- 1.31	0.37
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trusters	83.76	89.58	- 0.36	1.42
Global Portfolio	76.60	81.93	- 0.13	...
Global Opps	76.45	81.76	+ 0.31	0.43
Marsh Global Gth	71.63	76.17	- 1.66	1.82
AAM Global Equity	59.80	63.78	- 1.58	0.75
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	...	...	...	...
CAM Brit Inc Inc	...	...	...	...
CAM Int Recry Inc	51.29	55.49	- 1.22	0.90
Temple Equity Inc	49.09	53.42	- 2.11	2.97
Hartley Growth	82.61	87.86	- 1.24	1.18
Intl Growth Inc	86.25	92.25	- 0.40	1.40
IPS Portfolio Inc	93.19	99.67	- 0.92	0.22
St Jms Mn Int Inc	51.74	54.26	- 0.57	...
Premier Portfml Inc	73.18	78.27	- 1.27	0.35
Emsborgh Strat Gth	77.78	83.19	- 1.51	0.73
Tech Analysis	109.70	116.70	- 4.50	0.79
Rosebery Growth	44.35	47.87	- 2.58	...
International Strat	83.00	88.77	- 0.93	...
UPC Ind-Act Grth	58.38	62.44	- 0.85	...
Coverdale Topout	54.84	59.13	- 0.78	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	172.70	183.70	- 6.60	1.82
European Gth	97.91	103.70	- 3.40	0.43
Income & Gth	141.10	150.10	- 7.20	2.48
Japan Gth	128.60	137.30	+ 2.00	...
Nth Amer Gth	120.60	128.10	- 2.80	...
Overseas Gth	90.76	96.51	- 1.79	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 (Internal Dlg: 071 911 4614 Pricebank: 0426 925 091)				
Managed Tst	37.59	40.49	- 0.80	1.39
Cash Haven Inc	100.98	101.47	+ 0.06	4.02
Cash Haven Acc	108.06	108.59	+ 0.06	4.02
Global Growth	91.74	98.11	- 2.68	0.82
Equity Inc	88.75	94.91	- 4.06	3.34
Equity	745.48	797.30	-30.11	2.24
European	208.83	223.34	- 7.20	0.79
High Income	96.20	102.88	- 3.38	3.04
Intl Grth	186.64	199.61	- 3.71	0.78
Intl Sm Co	82.70	88.44	- 1.19	0.21
Japanese	217.87	233.12	+ 7.66	...
Nth Amer	164.01	173.41	- 1.98	0.90
Pacific Mkts	108.85	116.20	- 4.32	0.72
Premier Inc	51.39	53.50	- 1.52	6.01
Sm Cos	98.03	104.84	- 2.30	1.77
Spec Sits	113.63	121.52	- 4.19	2.01
UK Growth	123.67	132.26	- 4.76	1.96
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	319.10	338.40	-12.30	2.81
Reliance Inc	178.20	189.50	- 7.30	2.42
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Balmain House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	103.30	109.60	- 1.00	1.78
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	538.57	574.32	- 2.91	0.56
FA America (Acc)	627.60	669.25	- 3.39	0.56
FA UK Equity Inc	165.57	177.12	- 7.28	3.06
FA Japan	296.20	315.65	+10.39	...
FA Major UK Cos	98.83	105.69	- 3.89	2.01
FA Smllr UK Cos	320.45	342.76	- 5.68	0.74
FA European	314.41	332.68	- 5.57	0.58
FA Amer Smllr Cos	48.24	51.72	- 0.28	...
FA Asia	56.50	60.86	- 1.14	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	55.73	59.45	+ 2.00	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	97.15	102.26	- 3.85	...
UK Smllr Cos	90.51	95.27	- 1.55	...
UK Income	95.20	100.20	- 4.11	...
America	107.59	113.25	- 0.58	...
Japanese	64.93	68.34	+ 2.24	...
European	99.62	105.07	- 1.61	...
Gilt	87.74	92.39	- 2.33	...
Deposit	79.54	83.72	+ 0.08	...
Managed	101.34	106.86	- 2.94	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	94.79	99.77	- 3.78	...
UK Smaller Cos	88.65	93.31	- 1.52	...
UK Income	93.07	97.96	- 4.04	...
America	104.97	110.49	- 0.56	...
Japanese	65.38	68.71	+ 2.19	...
European	97.44	102.56	- 1.96	...
Gilt	86.80	91.36	- 2.20	...
Deposit	76.02	80.02	+ 0.08	...
Managed	96.30	101.36	- 2.74	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 6UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 398 000				
United States	75.01	80.10	- 0.82	0.11
Pacific Basin	90.06	96.64	+ 0.35	...
High Inc Dist	134.30	143.60	- 5.20	4.23
Ryl Life Intl Crncy	61.86	65.81	- 1.77	3.42
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	70.45	75.28	- 0.45	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	65.42	69.99	- 0.46	...
UK Emerging Cos	129.10	139.50	- 3.10	1.35
UK Index Trckg	173.10	184.30	- 3.60	3.06
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	151.90	160.70	- 3.90	0.22
European Growth	110.40	116.70	- 3.00	0.49
Far East Growth	146.70	156.10	- 1.50	...
Japan Growth	153.20	165.10	+ 2.90	...
Special Sits	210.70	224.10	- 5.40	1.16
UK Growth	79.87	84.98	- 3.18	1.69
Triton General	248.00	263.90	- 4.20	0.27
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NB 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	195.90	207.30	+ 3.20	0.19
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	353.00	373.50	- 8.60	0.19
Growth Inc	133.20	141.00	- 2.70	0.27
International Inc	346.80	367.00	- 5.40	0.19
Nth Am & Intl Inc	331.60	350.90	- 6.10	0.13
UK Gen Prog Inc	218.70	231.40	- 6.60	0.62
UK High Inc Inc	142.90	151.20	- 6.10	3.52
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	65.99	70.21	- 1.64	...
Amer Smllr Cos	85.94	91.43	- 1.62	...
Asian Gwth	121.90	129.68	- 2.63	0.73
European Gwth	71.33	75.88	- 1.80	1.00
Global Bd	62.38	65.91	- 1.16	5.00
Global Eq	71.57	76.14	- 0.53	0.50
Japanese Eq	64.04	68.13	+ 3.07	...
Japan Sm Cos	75.54	80.36	+ 3.25	...
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.94	77.60	- 0.81	3.76
Amer Smllr Cos	113.80	121.10	- 1.50	...
Asian Smaller Cos	62.36	66.32	- 0.79	...
Capital Portfolio	134.70	143.30	- 5.80	1.68
Capital	170.50	181.40	- 5.20	0.31
Cash	122.00	122.00	+ 0.10	5.09
China Dragon	71.49	76.05	- 4.96	0.66
Commodity	132.70	141.20	- 6.90	0.58
Eastern Discovery	123.70	131.60	+ 0.10	...
Energy Inds	120.60	128.30	- 3.90	0.17
European Gwth	195.50	208.00	- 7.10	0.03
Euro Inc & Gwth	80.85	86.01	- 3.03	1.46
Euro Smllr Cos	54.15	57.61	- 0.49	...
Financial Secs	207.10	220.30	- 9.50	0.36
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	53.07	56.03	- 1.69	7.58
Gold & Exploration	83.65	88.99	- 5.95	0.28
High Return	240.30	256.60	-10.00	3.11
High Yield	237.60	252.80	- 9.90	3.36
Income	125.60	133.60	- 3.10	4.11
Intl Bond	175.20	185.20	- 2.80	5.23
ITU	220.30	234.40	- 7.10	0.51
Japan Growth	182.60	194.60	+ 5.80	...
Japan Smaller	212.80	226.40	+ 7.10	...
Korea	83.84	89.19	- 3.90	...
Masterfund	57.68	61.36	- 1.13	0.53
Scotbits	302.80	322.40	-15.40	0.87
Scotshares	302.20	321.50	- 9.80	1.49
Scotyields	243.50	259.00	-10.40	3.07
Select Intl	151.20	160.90	- 3.10	0.51
Smaller Cos Inc	222.40	280.90	- 4.80	3.30
SE Asia	672.60	715.50	-16.80	...
Special Situation	128.70	136.90	- 3.80	0.50
UK Equity	249.10	265.00	-10.70	2.55
UK Growth	68.53	72.90	- 3.17	1.38
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	51.40	54.68	- 0.80	0.97
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	255.35	271.56	- 4.66	0.65
Australian				
European Gwth	74.22	79.12	- 2.08	0.56
Euro Smllr Cos	73.96	78.80	- 0.98	0.06
Far Eastern Gth	107.85	115.04	+ 1.56	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	55.04	58.66	- 2.03	7.01
Global Bond	54.28	56.07	- 0.93	5.30
Global Emer Mkts	63.74	67.98	- 3.20	0.61
Income	371.80	396.37	-17.78	3.26
Japan Smllr Cos	517.35	551.83	-12.81	...
Japan Enterprise	76.65	81.73	+ 2.74	...
Pacific Gwth	150.57	160.60	+ 2.60	...
Seoul	58.74	62.61	- 2.01	...
Smaller Cos	229.31	244.59	- 4.97	0.49
Tokyo	129.08	137.68	+ 3.56	...
UK Enterprise	253.43	270.32	- 8.76	1.94
UK Equity	246.40	262.82	- 9.65	2.24
US Smllr Cos	159.85	170.50	- 2.94	...
World Fd	83.25	88.79	- 2.24	1.66
Institutional Funds				
European	233.06	262.77	- 8.40	1.13
Euro Smllr Cos	29.82	31.06	- 0.48	1.47
Global Equity Inc	80.37	83.92	- 1.07	0.54
Japan Smllr Cos	40.00	41.66	+ 1.12	0.65
Mngd Balanced	193.63	201.69	- 4.74	2.35
Overseas Equity	193.11	201.15	- 2.56	0.56
Oseas Smllr Cos	130.97	136.01	+ 0.43	0.24
Pacific	278.27	289.86	- 5.72	0.67
Recovery	2053.5	2139.1	-66.89	2.33
UK Index	159.44	166.08	- 3.88	3.63
UK Small Cos	126.07	131.32	- 2.22	2.35
US Smllr Cos	45.55	47.44	- 0.82	0.14
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2280				
Equity Income	52.94	56.38	- 2.37	2.86
Equity Trust	61.19	65.12	- 2.80	2.01
Equity Strategy	72.69	77.41	- 3.47	0.93
European Opps	86.53	92.15	- 2.95	0.49
UK Smaller Cos	70.36	74.91	- 1.86	0.86
Maximum Income	97.99	100.51	+ 0.12	4.84
Japanese	83.07	88.47	+ 3.87	0.01
Asia Pacific	140.23	149.35	- 4.46	0.47
American	109.96	117.13	- 1.39	0.16
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	29.94	29.94	+ 0.02	4.973
UK General Inc	54.20	57.82	- 2.03	2.18
Intl Income	290.20	309.50	- 9.50	2.71
European	76.66	81.18	- 2.70	1.91
Japan	74.46	79.31	+ 2.58	0.08
American	68.08	72.00	- 2.22	1.74
Far East	101.95	108.75	- 0.74	0.49
Ethical Inc	32.97	35.29	- 1.10	1.49
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.84	36.16	- 1.21	2.37
High Inc Inc	38.91	41.50	- 1.32	3.08
UK Global Inc	42.05	44.94	- 1.03	1.11
Wwide Tact	80.59	86.19	- 2.77	0.90
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	393.20	420.00	-14.20	2.44
American	276.70	295.70	- 6.80	0.44
Pacific	428.90	458.60	- 2.90	0.40
European	540.60	579.20	-13.70	0.84
Worldwide	97.35	104.10	- 2.50	0.70
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	282.80	300.90	-10.10	1.72
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	219.60	233.70	- 5.70	1.12
Select Opprtny Inc	72.11	77.13	- 2.95	1.56
Income Plus Inc	75.77	80.61	- 2.97	3.22
European Inc	348.70	371.00	-13.00	1.08
Far Eastern Inc	188.00	200.00	- 5.30	0.49
Japanese Inc	69.85	74.71	+ 2.77	...
Nth American Inc	260.00	276.70	- 3.10	0.39
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	24.97	26.73	- 0.83	2.61
Intl Growth Inc	32.71	35.01	- 0.57	0.63
Market Leaders Inc	23.40	25.05	- 1.08	2.63
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 660 3224				
Equity Inc	386.20	411.90	-16.30	2.63
UK High Inc	200.80	214.20	- 7.40	3.33
Europe Inc	344.10	367.00	-10.50	0.70
Nth Amer Inc	224.20	239.20	- 2.20	...
Global Inc	223.00	237.90	- 3.00	0.45
UK Spec Sits Inc	111.50	118.90	- 3.90	2.63
South East Asia	246.40	262.80	- 4.30	2.13
Cash Trust Inc	100.80	100.80	...	4.51
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	174.60	185.60	- 5.40	3.63
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	125.20	131.80	- 4.70	0.78
Nth American	106.70	112.30	- 2.70	0.42
Intl Bond & Conv	137.00	144.20	- 2.70	4.30
Pooled Pension (I)	195.00	208.60	- 4.20	...
Smaller Cos	76.48	80.51	- 1.88	1.07
UK General	134.90	142.00	- 5.00	1.30
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	429.65	457.07	-19.58	4.04
Global Inc	69.49	73.93	- 2.76	2.54
Brit Leaders	340.26	361.98	-14.79	2.22
Intl Leaders	210.03	223.44	- 6.65	0.60
PAM Mg Bal Grth	67.82	70.46	- 1.45	0.91
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226				
European ‡	120.90	...	- 3.40	...
Global Bond ‡	104.90	...	- 2.10	7.10
Samurai ‡	96.94	...	+ 3.04	...
UK Growth ‡	117.60	...	- 3.60	3.36
Tai Pan ‡	111.60	...	- 1.50	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	306.30	326.10	- 2.60	0.35
Canadian	82.37	87.33	- 1.19	0.24
Capital	140.20	150.10	- 3.80	0.80
Cash	101.76	101.76	+ 0.07	4.58
European	135.30	143.10	- 4.20	0.08
Far Eastern	190.20	201.20	+ 3.80	...
Growth	153.40	162.20	- 4.60	0.81
Income	137.40	145.30	- 4.70	4.28
Magnum	149.80	160.50	- 4.40	0.91
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.12	50.63	+ 0.03	4.15
Chrtbl Primnce	60.94	65.00	- 1.56	7.20
Ethical	61.63	65.56	- 2.34	2.90
European Growth	73.04	77.91	- 2.22	2.10
Income	59.28	63.23	- 2.19	5.20
Intl Growth	94.75	100.40	- 1.90	2.40
Managed	83.29	88.84	- 2.22	3.10
UK Growth	64.84	69.16	- 2.28	2.40
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	52.09	55.35	- 1.72	1.30
UK Equity Gth Acc	74.81	79.49	- 3.44	0.94
-do- High Inc Acc	40.08	42.59	- 2.08	2.91
-do- High Inc Inc	48.12	51.13	- 2.52	2.91
UK Equity Gen Acc	63.29	67.25	- 2.97	1.85
UK Equity Gen Inc	47.20	50.66	- 2.34	1.85
UK Lrgr Co Acc	449.00	477.50	-20.90	3.09
UK Lrgr Co Inc	333.90	362.30	-15.80	3.09
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	33.17	35.08	- 1.28	5.33
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	321.20	348.60	- 1.50	1.16
Nth American Acc	45.86	48.73	- 0.80	0.60
Far East Acc	72.18	76.70	- 0.15	0.11
European Acc	50.28	53.43	- 1.70	0.54
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7008				
Global A (N23)	3.981	4.227	+ 0.01	1.24
US Dlrs (US$)	2.364	2.509	- 0.02	0.64
Far East Eqts (yen)	251.60	267.30	+ 5.70	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	257.60	273.60	+ 5.52	...
FT Europe	133.10	141.40	- 0.70	1.71
FT N Amer (US$)	1.794	1.901	- 0.01	1.17
FT Japan (yen)	237.60	252.40	+ 1.80	...
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.709	2.878	+ 0.05	0.71
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	381.10	406.90	- 6.10	0.06
British	1117.8	1182.6	-32.30	3.09
Emging Mkts	176.60	188.30	- 8.70	0.20
European	525.50	559.70	- 2.30	0.99
Japan	170.00	180.40	+ 6.40	...
New Pacific	424.80	452.40	-12.00	0.65
Investment Tst	240.50	254.80	- 7.90	0.95
Mngd Equity	184.50	195.60	- 4.50	1.33
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	860.60	920.40	-33.80	2.47
North America	135.30	143.40	- 0.50	0.38
Far East	165.40	176.90	+ 1.10	...
Wwide Bond	61.87	66.68	- 0.88	4.69
European	105.00	112.30	- 2.50	...
Equity Income	98.55	105.40	- 3.50	3.57
Portfolio	90.60	96.96	- 2.23	0.53
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	35.92	38.42	- 0.45	0.45
Managed Assets	132.67	141.90	- 4.26	2.45
UK Income	41.25	44.12	- 1.56	2.44
UK Growth	40.64	43.44	- 1.52	1.90
Worldwide Growth	36.48	39.02	- 0.33	0.24
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101 Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Master Portfolio	52.21	55.84	- 0.93	...
Cap Protector Inc	44.81	47.90	- 1.05	2.20
UK Income Inc	55.32	59.17	- 1.89	2.90
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	33.99	36.35	- 0.97	3.34
Mngd High Yld Inc	84.45	90.12	- 3.05	3.44
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	80.58	86.18	- 2.84	2.47
Mngd Wwide Gth	39.44	42.18	- 0.68	...
UK Smaller Cos	37.60	40.21	- 0.85	1.46
Pacific Gth Port	49.89	53.36	- 0.67	...
SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Equity Dist	567.90	601.00	-20.80	1.91
Fixed Int Dist	125.10	129.60	- 2.40	6.98
UK Indx Trck Dist	135.90	143.60	- 5.10	2.62
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	226.11	240.55	- 2.46	...
Brit Growth	97.28	103.46	- 3.73	1.70
European	111.40	118.52	- 3.50	0.26
Extra Income	210.86	224.31	- 8.87	3.50
Smaller Cos	81.77	86.99	- 2.06	0.79
General	300.65	319.84	-11.84	1.96
Premier Income	54.77	57.09	- 1.87	5.48
Income	367.99	391.48	-16.05	3.06
Pacific	454.75	483.78	- 3.01	...
International	574.53	611.20	-10.79	0.01
Nat Resources	177.14	188.45	- 1.70	0.16
Sicld Opps	117.66	125.17	- 4.16	0.81
Environmental Inv	66.28	70.51	- 1.60	1.40
Selector	68.33	72.69	- 2.40	2.06
High Income	69.04	73.45	- 2.57	4.01
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	348.50	366.80	-12.70	2.43
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	205.14	219.40	- 7.69	1.50
Glob Balncd Inc	174.79	186.94	- 5.97	2.60
Value Tst Inc	124.11	132.74	- 3.56	1.40
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Smlr Cos	69.79	74.01	- 1.09	...
European Opps	...	...	...	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	42.49	44.68	- 0.85	8.48
Japan Tst	93.45	99.62	+ 2.71	...
Little Dragons	110.02	117.35	- 4.90	0.40
Oriental Income	52.03	55.49	- 0.97	4.48
Tiger	308.94	329.53	-13.61	0.48
UK Blue Chip	65.06	69.44	- 2.63	2.85
UK Smllr Cos	110.59	118.27	- 1.44	1.70
Formerly ABtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	231.17	245.92	- 3.92	0.84
European Growth	278.53	296.48	-10.34	1.09
Exempt	553.80	578.41	-18.49	3.31
Far Eastern	...	...	...	...
UK High Yield	111.20	118.29	- 4.41	3.23
Iberian Growth	49.86	53.04	- 1.65	...
Intl Growth	112.52	119.69	- 3.05	0.96
Preference	131.26	139.67	- 2.32	7.80
UK Recovery	285.84	304.09	- 8.91	1.84
UK Smlr Cos Div	111.04	118.12	- 2.47	4.11
WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 3 Harbour Exchange Sqr, London E14 9GJ 071 955 5055				
Exempt	371.70	391.30	..	2.01
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	33.18	35.29	- 1.68	...
Pacific Basin	43.92	46.72	- 0.13	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	37.33	39.71	- 0.53	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.9296	0.9680	- 0.01	3.94
Penny Share	30.84	32.80	- 1.11	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0662				
Challenger	99.85	102.30	- 4.40	...
Short Dtd Gilt	112.40	113.00	- 3.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7226	0.7328	+ 0.00	2.27
Gilt Income	53.50	55.68	- 2.02	6.25
Gilt Growth	73.28	76.36	- 3.63	...
City Reserve	52.08	53.09	+ 0.03	4.18
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	80.56	85.72	- 2.76	1.64

Source: Finstat

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Ntl	499	+8	11.8	3.0	19.2
314	179	Allied Irish	270	+6	...	4.7	...
279½	130	Aus New Z	254½	-7	...	3.6	20.0
3806¾	2712½	Bankamerica	2875	-25	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	268	+4	...	4.7	19.8
450	325	Bk Leumi UK	450	...	20.0	5.8	...
247	116½	Bank Scotland	217	-3½	4.6	2.7	29.5
652	362	Barclays	541	+4	...	2.0	...
35	8	Carlisle	35½	+2	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	617	+2	28.0	5.7	...
180	85	Cattles	158	...	...	3.6	21.0
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2912½	1343½	Citicorp	2225	-37½	...	...	...
569	250	Close Bros	499	-4	...	2.8	18.1
£153⅛	91⅞	Commerzbk	£137½	+150½	...	2.8	...
£348¼	1250½	Deutsche Bk	£321	+300½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	87	...	...	2.2	...
1051	876	Fuji Bank Y	1467½	+17½	...	0.4	...
539	343	Gerrard Nat	458	-2	21.5	5.9	12.2
1113	490	HSBC	938	-3	20.0	2.7	22.4
1133	474	HSBC HK	961	-7	20.0	2.6	23.0
473	243	Hambros	396	+4	14.3	4.5	18.3
443	313	Joseph (L)	439	...	16.7	4.8	...
170	96	King Shaxson	159	...	9.0	7.1	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	582	-4	18.5	4.1	...
690	492	Lloyds	589	+6	...	4.7	12.4
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	112	-1	3.4	3.8	18.9
620½	322	Nat Aust Bk	572½	-14½	...	4.1	13.9
634	398	Nat West	497	+8	...	4.8	13.3
573	270	Provident	522	+23	16.0	3.9	...
67	39	Rea Bros	65	-1	0.5	1.1	69.1
528	287	Ryl Bk Scot	447	-4	...	3.1	20.2
1460	467½	Schroders	1220	-10	...	1.2	24.3
1437	576	Stand Chart	1227	+3	20.5	2.1	...
291	145½	TSB	237	-2½	...	4.1	16.2
206	78	Union	199	-5	3.0	1.9	...
1012	529	Warburg SG	884	-6½	...	2.8	12.9
9343½	4843½	Wells Fargo	9225	+43½	...	2.9	...
290	121	Westpac	238	-8	...	2.3	...
390	198	Wintrust	383	...	...	3.2	33.9

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	615	+10	...	4.3	17.3
647	441	Bass	527	+7	...	4.7	14.0
299	189	Boddington	271	+3	7.5	3.5	15.8
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	451	...	...	2.9	18.1
193	129	Burtonwd Brw	171	...	4.7	3.5	14.3
181	75	Eldridge P 'A'	165	...	...	2.7	22.9
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	61½	-½	...	4.7	72.2
493	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	483	...	7.5	1.9	20.3
506	373	Grand Met	471	+14	...	3.5	20.5
511	347	Greenalls Grp	453	-6	...	3.4	15.6
584	505	Greene King	536	-2	...	2.9	15.0
542	388	Guinness	523	+9	...	2.9	19.5
281	230	Hardy Hanson	252	...	...	4.2	13.5
150	105	Heavitree	150	...	3.6	3.0	...
457	255	Highland Dist	412	-1	...	2.0	20.5
3225	2538	Hok J	3163	...	42.0	1.7	20.6
186	118	Macallan-Glen	139	...	4.3	3.9	31.2
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	209	-3	...	2.4	15.0
302	231	Mrston Thmp	291	...	...	2.4	16.2
595	288½	Matthew Clark	558	...	...	4.1	31.6
300	125	Mrydwn W	148	-1	7.0	5.9	13.2
580	455	Morland	510	...	...	2.4	17.5
12	6½	Paramount	10	-½	...	1.9	18.0
267	145	Regent Inns	250	-4	...	2.0	25.2
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1200	-18½	...	2.3	19.8
591	393	Scot & New	543½	+16½	...	3.9	16.6
225	155½	Taunton Cider	157	...	6.2	5.0	12.3
306	213	Vaux Group	277	+4	...	4.3	17.8
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	384	-3	...	1.8	29.8
617	435	Whitbread	556	+6	...	4.0	13.3
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	521	-3	...	3.0	14.6
528	475	Young 'A'	517	+2	14.7	3.6	21.4

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	73	Abbey	195	...	...	1.3	32.0
27	12	Albrighton	24	-1	...	0.5	...
200	87	Allen	193	...	...	3.2	43.7
160	65	Amec	151	+4	3.0	2.5	27.9
15½	4	Anglia Sec	12	...	...	...	...
454	150	Ashtead	434	-4	...	1.4	28.9
165	101	Attwoods	161	-1	...	3.9	...
363	180	BPB Ind	338	-1	...	2.8	40.4
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	124	...	...	3.2	37.3
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	37	...	0.6	2.0	...
108	68	Barcom	85	+7	...	4.4	10.2
60	32½	Bardon	54	-1	2.0	4.6	26.6
292	94	Barratt Devs	266	-8	...	1.9	28.6
304	152½	Bellway	276	+1	...	2.7	25.9
59	15	Bellwinch	54	...	...	...	...
243	98	Berisford Intl	232	-3	...	...	...
573	285½	Berkeley Gp	552	+2	...	1.4	29.8
153	45	Bett Bros	151	-1	...	1.7	19.5
93	36	Blockleys	75	...	1.0	1.7	...
391	189	Blue Circle	342	-6	...	4.1	...
355	230	Boot (Henry)	340	...	6.0	2.2	19.0
117	78	Breedon PLC	109	...	4.6	5.3	26.8
154	82	Br Dredging	150	...	5.2	4.3	33.3
98	45	Brit Fittings	90	...	1.7	2.4	...
197½	99	Bryant	177	-3	...	3.4	26.9
146	53	CALA	145	+1	...	2.0	...
390	200	CRH	374	-2	...	2.3	20.5
70	18	Cakebread Rby	58	...	...	...	...
42	21	Costain	37	+1	...	...	...
185	86½	Countryside	169	-1	...	3.1	...
120	35½	Crest Nicholson	111	-1	...	1.1	...
140	27	Cussins	125	-2	...	1.0	...
25½	15	Edmond Hldgs	20½	...	0.3	1.8	...
300	178	Epwin	299	...	7.0	2.9	25.3
82	32	Erith	71	-1½	0.3	0.6	...
506	252	Eve Group	458	...	...	2.8	17.3
245	97	Freeman Gp	228	...	6.0	3.3	35.8
60	38	Galliford	59	...	...	2.1	...
102	52	Gibbs & Dandy	96	-5	...	2.6	...
1028	695	Gleeson (MJ)	1020	-8	...	1.6	17.2
8284	75	Hewden-Stuart	159	-1	...	2.1	34.0
52	28	Hewetson	52	...	...	3.0	38.0
473	173	Heywd Wm	421	-2	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	128	-3	2.5	2.4	...
38	26	How Gp	29	...	...	4.8	...
32	15	Howard Hldgs	29	...	0.5	2.2	...
100	39	Ibstock Johnsen	92	-1	1.0	1.4	...
25	12½	Jarvis	23½	...	...	...	...
428	196	Laing (J)	385	-13	9.0	2.9	15.4
164	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	147½	-4	...	5.4	...
145	55	Ln Clydeside	145	...	...	4.1	28.5
230	100	Lovell (YJ)	140	-7	...	...	63.6
405	240	Manders	367	...	9.3	3.2	22.5
213½	93	Marley	190	-2	4.2	2.8	55.7
155	61	Marshalls	136	-1	...	3.7	...
253	122	Maunders (J)	251	...	...	2.6	34.2
330	96	McAlpine (A)	319	...	6.5	2.6	...
82½	33	McCarthy & S	73	...	0.5	0.9	...
569	272	Meyer Intl	522	-3	...	2.4	52.2
199	62	Mowlem (J)	188	+1	4.0	2.7	...
206	51	NSM	200	-3	...	...	...
53	41	Needler	41	...	...	4.4	19.1
196	106	Newman Tnks	175	...	...	4.8	23.4
382	197	Persimmon	348	-8	8.6	3.1	35.5
26	9	Phoenix Timber	18	...	...	...	...
1790½	1257½	Pochins	1790½	...	29.0	2.0	25.5
198	80	Prowting	183	-2	3.4	2.3	...
1079	555	RMC Gp	932	+3	...	2.7	35.0
117	75½	Raine Ind	100	-1	...	3.8	23.7
40	18	Ramus	35	...	...	...	...
640	402	Redland	584	+7	25.0	5.4	34.0
86	64	Roskel	74	...	4.3	7.3	10.9
371	207	Rugby Group	313	-5	6.4	2.6	34.0
68	33	Smith-Rwe	56	...	...	0.6	...
189	68	Sharpe & Fisher	169	-4	...	3.0	29.4
288	96½	Sheffield Insl	251	-3	...	2.7	61.6
288	82	Sheriff Hldgs	253	-2	...	1.9	24.1
110	66	Shorco	110	...	5.2	5.9	25.0
245	196	Smart (J)	243	-2	...	4.4	18.3
6½	1½	Starmin	4½	...	...	...	...
204½	100	Tarmac	190½	+5½	5.5	3.6	...
285	131	Tay Homes	255	...	...	2.9	31.5
183	63	Taylor Woodrw	172	-2	1.0	0.7	...
780	433	Tilbury Dougls	755	-3	33.0	5.5	24.6
60	19	Torex Hire	53	...	...	1.4	...
370	168	Travis Perkins	324	-4	8.0	3.1	57.1
29½	5½	Trencherwood	23	-2	...	...	...
43	25	Try Group	36	-½	1.0	3.5	10.2
26	21	Tudor	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
113	41	Vibroplant	108	-1	2.5	2.9	38.8
74	20	Ward Hldgs	66	+1	...	...	...
45	25	Waterhouse	43	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	465	...	...	3.2	20.1
229½	90	Westbury	215	...	5.0	2.9	33.6
7	3	Wiggins	5½	-½	...	...	...
571	362	Wilson Bowdn	555	+1	...	2.0	39.1
259	147	Wilson (C)	238	+3	3.9	2.1	41.2
249	104	Wimpey G	219	+2	...	3.0	...
47	15	YRM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	463	ADT	678	-2	...	...	...
408	198	Adam & Harvey	408	...	13.0	4.0	7.5
92	56	Air London	68	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
62	37	African Lakes	61	...	2.0	4.1	...
178	93	Auto Sec	132	+1½	...	5.8	23.7
162	94	BET Ord	142	...	...	2.0	5.7
145	41	BNB Res	144	...	4.9	4.3	...
318	183	BPP	249	...	8.3	4.2	13.7
186	154	BSM	181	-2	...	4.0	15.9
285	195	Barbour Index	219	...	8.1	4.7	14.7
28	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	194	Brit Data Mgt	211	+1	4.7	2.6	15.4
39	11	Broadcastle	28	...	...	1.1	22.3
76	48	Brooks Service	71	-1	...	0.9	...
115	86	CRT Gp	115	+1	...	3.2	20.6
240	139½	Capita Group	215	...	...	1.3	33.6
59	31	Caske Plc	53½	-½	...	2.1	20.6
35	18½	Chiltern Capital	26	...	...	...	...
85	26	Christie	85	+1	...	...	...
433	229	Chubb Sec	396	-2	...	1.7	34.0
132	90	Comac	105	-1	...	1.8	27.4
48	6½	Corp Services	48	...	...	...	...
92	20	Coutts Cnslg	94½	...	...	...	...
170	90	Dart	157	-2	3.3	2.6	21.3
276	198	Davis Service	264	...	...	3.8	19.9
153	85	EW Facs	153	+2	4.4	3.7	17.5
34	11	Gardiner	28	-½	0.7	3.3	...
354	215	Hays	307	...	...	2.2	26.8
289	174	Hogg Robinson	283	-1	...	3.0	20.6
70	33	Holmes Protectn	33	-1	...	...	2.0
365½	137	Hutch Whamp	287½	-1	...	1.7	23.7
2890½	975	ISS B DKr	2509½	-103½	...	0.8	17.3
637	475	Inchcape	555	+3½	...	3.2	18.1
1025	669	Johnson Clean	1028	...	25.7	3.1	22.4
11	2½	Lep	7	...	...	...	...
362	173	Mitie Gp	362	...	4.0	1.4	24.9
1234½	893½	Manpower	1215½	+6½	...	...	...
78½	40½	Michael Page	78½	-1	1.8	2.9	32.5
279	108	Pennas	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
5½	2	Prime People	4½	...	...	25.0	4.2
142	57	Procall	75	-2	15.2	4.9	13.1
423	337	RCO	400	...	2.0	2.3	...
118	66	REA	110	-1	...	...	...
127	43	Reed Executive	124	...	4.5	4.3	34.1
156	105	Reliance Secs	130	...	2.5	1.2	31.9
279	178	Rentokil	256	-2	...	2.6	24.2
368	220	Rolfe & Nolan	353	-2	...	3.5	18.8
399	278	Salvesen (C)	381	+2	0.8	1.8	17.5
58	25	Scot Pickford	55	...	...	...	...
17½	5	Select Appt	12½	...	...	...	...
1338	665	Serco Gp	1330	-3	13.3	1.2	36.8
352	83	Sherwd Cmpt	85	-2	...	10.3	2.5
130	90	Skeechley	112	-3	6.6	2.5	17.5
355	310	Warner Howrd	338	...	...	3.3	25.6
45	27	Weipac	29	-1	...	1.8	19.9
30½	14	WSS Gp	28½	...	...	...	...

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
280	220	Allied Colloids	266	-3	...	2.0	24.5
1084	613	Amersham	1037	-3	...	1.7	29.8
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£119½	£325	BASF DM	£115½	+143½	...	5.5	...
373	199	BTP	338	-3	...	3.5	27.1
£144½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£140½	+200	...	3.7	...
185	105	Blagden	176	-3	6.5	4.6	19.0
165	93	Brent Chems	118	-1	...	7.8	10.8
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	400	-12	...	...	...
29	5	Calrd Gp	11	...	...	...	30.5
199	126	Cerning (W)	177	...	7.2	5.1	20.3
475	388	Carrab Pharms	439	...	...	...	...
608	421	Courtaulds	491	+2	...	3.6	12.3
378	228	Croda	378	+2	...	2.6	21.7
149	103	Doeflex	132	...	4.6	4.4	13.1
276	175	Ellis & Everard	258	-5	...	3.5	21.6
47½	35	Euro Colour	37½	-½	0.6	2.9	18.0
352	259	Halstead (J)	346	...	...	2.3	17.1
241	150	Hickson	196	+3	...	5.1	18.2
£123½	8850	Hoechst	£116½	+103½	...	3.1	...
329	157	Holliday Chem	309	...	...	2.2	19.2
975	608	ICI	754	+4	...	4.7	35.3
843	576	Laporte	818	-4	19.9	3.0	22.6
248	181	Leigh	217	...	...	4.5	19.1
97½	35	MTM	66	...	...	1.4	...
2771½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2259½	+34½	...	2.5	21.1
625	370	Pauson Zoch	625	...	...	2.6	20.1
595	380	-do- 'A'	595	...	...	3.5	21.1
296	193	Plysu	247½	-1½	4.2	1.8	...
323	173	Porvair	298	...	...	...	...
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	64	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	483	...	...	4.5	22.3
645	395	Wstnhme R	645	+5	17.0	3.3	22.1
483	330	Yorks Chem	450	-3	8.1	2.3	...
312	233	Yule Catto	303	-4	...	2.5	18.9
869	593	Zeneca	752	-3	...	4.6	44.4

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	74	-1	...	5.1	...
248	173	Alders	225	-1	...	3.4	16.8
410	257	Argos Plc	363	-3	...	2.5	30.1
25	8	Ashley Group	9	...	...	2.6	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	94	...	0.1	0.1	...
357	278	Asprey	337	-2	5.2	1.9	21.7
159	94	Austin Reed	192	-1	...	1.6	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	165	...	...	4.6	16.6
150	94	Bentalls	145	-1	1.9	1.6	...
278	125	Betterware	154	...	...	1.7	18.4
47	22	Blacks Leis	38	-1	2.2	7.4	...
261½	133	Body Shop	236	-5	...	0.9	30.4
16½	9	Brown & Jackson	9	...	...	1.1	4.6
491	318	Brown (N)	403	-15	...	2.0	27.2
87½	51	Burton	52	+½	...	4.8	77.7
245	126	Carsons	231	-2	...	2.2	32.0
520	295	Church	435	-1	12.5	3.6	38.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	166	-2	4.3	3.3	20.0
287	212	Coats Viyella	259	+3	...	3.6	35.8
120	78	Colourvision	88	-3	5.6	8.0	15.8
181	154	Cry Casuals	167	...	...	3.1	15.5
935	374	Courts Furnish	875	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
205	115	Crown Eyes	205	...	7.5	4.6	14.0
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	102½	-6½	...	3.6	15.0
109½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	102	...	0.8	0.9	34.4
293	189	Dixons Grp	210	+2	...	3.8	...
21	8	ERA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
284	71	Essex Furn	270	-4	...	1.8	42.9
273	203	Etam	236	-3	7.0	3.7	21.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	504	-3½	13.0	3.2	16.4
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	48	...	...	...	...
713	498	Forminster	708	-2	14.5	2.6	12.0
180	24	French Conn	142	-2	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	68	...	...	3.9	21.1
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	90	-1	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	598½	+2½	...	2.4	18.4
40	21	Hampden Grp	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Harrstone	73	-1	...	...	...
33½	30	Helene Plc	30	-½	2.0	8.4	14.2
110	29	Heritage	92	+2	...	...	...
91	35	Honeysuckle	90	+2	...	3.5	13.1
211	63	Jacques Vert	192	-1	...	2.3	14.6
783	496	Kingfisher	587	-5	...	3.0	20.2
88	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	84	...	4.0	6.1	...
685	495	Liberty	543	...	7.2	1.7	63.9
380	241	Lloyds Chem	347	+3	...	2.6	12.1
184	120	MFI	170	+4	...	2.8	77.3
461½	311	Marks Spencer	418½	+½	...	2.5	21.4
680	445	Menzies (John)	675	...	...	2.1	17.5
288	135	Moss Bros	284	...	5.5	2.4	33.4
251	139½	Next	216	-2½	3.5	2.0	25.8
46	15	Oliver (G)	45	...	...	...	...
335	197	Oriflame Intl	280	-4	...	4.4	13.7
68	24	Pentos	38	...	0.8	2.6	7.9
313	185	QS Hldgs	265	-3	5.1	2.4	18.9
69½	20½	Rhino Grp	36	-2	...	...	...
205	120	Rosebys	204	...	...	3.0	24.5
181	135	Sherwood Gp	172	...	...	1.9	15.5
132	93	Sears	118	+½	...	3.7	47.5
41½	11	Signet Group	34½	-1½	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	505	-2	...	3.7	16.3
127	83	-do- B	119½	...	...	3.1	19.3
21	4½	Specialeyes	13	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	236	...	...	2.6	23.3
198	146	T & S Stores	184	...	6.0	4.1	13.7
173	71	Tie Rack	154	-2	1.0	0.8	25.2
265	160	Time Products	254	...	7.7	3.8	21.9
131	68	Usher (Frank)	130	+3	6.0	5.9	13.8
465	302	Vendome	428	+11	...	1.8	19.9
45	27	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
87	42	WEW Group	56	-2	...	3.0	41.3
49	34	Wensum	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wickes	118	+1	1.0	1.1	...
89	45	Wid of Leather	87	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	186	-2	...	2.9	24.6
4	2	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	180	-1	...	3.5	18.1
275	223	Acal	264	...	...	3.1	19.0
495	385	Admiral	493	...	5.7	1.4	20.9
188	104	Alba	185	...	...	3.3	20.9
50	19½	Alphameric	39	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	36	...	...	1.7	...
128	61	App Holo	96	-1	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	34	...	...	...	...
94½	35½	Astec	92	-½	...	0.3	...
271	230	Azlan	265	...	...	1.4	31.5
293	224	Beales Hunter	276	...	...	4.3	17.1
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	-½	...	...	...
476	319	BICC	436	-14	19.2	5.5	...
558	408	Bick	525	...	...	2.5	19.1
1700	912½	Burland	912½	-25	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	349	-2	...	2.5	23.2
499½	376	BT	427½	-1½	...	4.7	20.7
372½	306½	BT P/P	308	-2	...	4.7	20.2
20	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	-½	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Burnfield	68	-1	5.7	10.6	10.8
545	334½	Cable Wireless	459	-10	...	2.1	24.0
33	11½	Chloride	32	-½	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.6
140	74	Comptr People	140	...	...	...	...
472	108½	Cray Elect	189½	...	...	1.2	18.4
447	243	Critchley	434	-2	...	1.4	25.0
560	414	Delta	528	-1	...	3.3	22.1
580	205	Denmans El	578	...	...	1.4	18.6
628	395	Domino	495	-3	7.9	2.0	...
77	48	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	31.3
1635	865	Druck	1633	...	10.3	0.8	32.8
589	358	Electrocomps	517½	-3½	...	2.0	29.1
710	470	El Data Prc	585	...	...	1.2	16.5
173	43	Electron House	157	...	...	2.2	22.5
35	10½	Emess	28½	-½	0.1	0.4	...
774	442	Eurotherm	763	+11	...	1.6	25.9
211	108	FKI	198	+3	...	2.1	28.0
656	340	Farnell Elect	585	-1	...	1.4	31.0
91	33	Feedback	64½	...	...	3.9	8.7
336	101	First Tech	309	-5	...	0.8	25.7
270	81	Forward Gp	235	...	4.0	2.1	16.6
22½	15½	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	319	-5½	10.4	4.1	15.9
199	132	Graseby	185	+1	...	7.4	38.9
14½	7½	Greystone	13½	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hitchens	42	...	0.5	1.5	...
193	118	Ind Control	177	-1	...	3.1	17.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	368	-1	...	3.1	14.8
127	26	Kalamazoo	122	...	2.7	2.7	29.5
19	8	Kembury	11	-3	0.1	1.8	...
396	260	Kenwood App	382	-3	...	2.6	21.4
298	47	Kewill Syst	270	-4	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	143	...	6.0	5.2	17.0
60	16	Laser-Scan	25	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	141	...	0.7	0.7	19.9
300	205	Lec Refrig	290	...	0.9	3.9	...
179	129	Life Sciences	154	-1	3.7	3.0	16.7
314	164	Logica	305	-1	...	1.6	35.2
55	44	LPA Ind	47	...	...	6.5	...
220	162	MR Data Mngmt	198	-1	...	3.3	18.6
723	523	Macro 4	665	...	...	3.7	19.7
281	175½	Menvier-Swn	225	...	...	2.2	19.5
3013	903	Micro Focus	983	+5	...	...	9.1
227	144	Microgen	163	...	7.2	5.6	...
38	23½	Microvitec	35	-1	...	...	...
559	357	Misys	548	...	...	1.7	20.0
584	98	Mitel	405	-17	...	...	...
171	108	MMT Compt	161	...	...	...	...
52	16	Molynx	23½	...	1.3	6.9	...
272	202	MTL Inst	265	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
165	103	Muirhead Elect	141	+1	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	58	Murray Ent	134	...	...	1.9	...
3206½	2493½	NYNEX	2493½	-31½	...	...	...
188	121	Neotronics	121	...	...	2.7	21.1
65	42	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
349	58	Norbain	349	...	...	0.5	26.9
73	20	Northamber	62	-3	0.6	1.2	...
15½	5	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
358	195	Oxford Inst	354	...	4.6	1.6	34.4
87	39	P & P	77	-1	2.0	3.4	...
93	55	Peek	93	-2	3.4	4.6	24.3
235	115	Pegasus	230	...	...	3.5	59.0
£104½	9000	Philips Fn 4%	£104½	...	...	5.5	...
1678½	725	-do- Lmp Nv	1593½	+12½	...	...	...
422	211	Phonelink	420	...	...	1.6	27.9
335	171½	Pifco	335	...	...	1.7	23.1
325	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	325	...	...	...	...
96	63	Plasmec	78	+2	3.0	4.6	6.6
121	76	Pressac	116	...	...	2.8	24.6
261	81	Psion	234	-5	2.5	1.3	62.1
261	147	Racal Elect	220	+2	4.2	2.4	13.1
70	33	Radamec	48	...	...	3.9	10.3
70	24	Radius	34	...	2.2	8.3	11.7
114	61	Real Time	104	-3	...	3.6	21.3
620	367	Sage Gp	542	-2	...	2.3	16.6
350	222	Sanderson Elec	343	-3	9.9	3.6	14.6
94	49	Scantronic	86	...	3.1	4.6	23.5
230	117	Scholes Grp	200	-1	...	3.1	25.9
375	270	Sema Gp	364	...	2.9	1.0	29.5
275	236	Servomex	268	+3	5.9	2.8	20.3
49	26	Silverstnes	44	...	...	2.8	...
94	37	Soundtracks	87	...	2.4	3.5	...
2896½	1737½	TDK	2896½	+106½	...	1.1	32.9
27	4½	TDS Circuits	15	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	135	...	0.8	0.7	22.2
292	178	Telspec	256	-6	...	1.2	32.2
1154	809	THORN EMI	1096	-4	...	3.6	25.4
176	96	Thorpe FW	176	+3	...	1.9	20.5
103	23	Total Systems	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
303	186	Tunstall	291	-7	...	1.5	...
324	164	Unitech	303	-1	...	2.6	51.2
16	6	Verity	12½	-½	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec	28½	...	0.3	1.6	16.8
637	367	Vodafone	581	-7	...	1.6	25.3
493	368	Volex	460	-3	18.1	4.9	18.9
26	11	Western Selectn	24	...	0.2	1.3	...
317	223	Wholesale Ftgs	317	+2	11.7	4.7	33.3

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	380	East Midlands	627	-6	...	4.1	11.1
725½	399	Eastern Elect	654	...	...	3.9	12.5
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	404	...	...	3.6	14.2
733½	404	London Elect	625	+1	...	4.3	11.8
850	458	Manweb	729	-7	...	3.8	9.1
767	424½	Midlands Elec	645½	-1½	...	4.1	10.2
510	273	National Powr	480½	-2	...	2.9	11.9
801	440	Northern Elec	673	-11	...	4.2	8.8
301	100	Nthn Ireland	280	-1	...	3.1	13.4
806	409	Norweb	680	-5	20.8	3.8	9.7
581	273	PowerGen	566	+½	...	2.5	14.8
487	218	Scottish Power	414	...	...	3.5	15.4
435	218	Seeboard	337	-9	...	3.8	10.5
825	469	Sth Wales	706	-5	...	4.1	10.8
743	436	Sth Western	628	-3	...	4.2	9.3
745½	406	Southern Elec	654	-1	...	4.0	8.7
729½	455	Yorkshire Elec	628	-8	...	4.2	11.8

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
165	47	BWD	155	-1	3.4	2.7	24.2
118	26	Baltic Plc	104	...	...	1.2	...
757	413	Caledonia	674	-16	...	2.9	25.1
2125	1075	Camellia	2125	+100	...	1.8	8.0
363	243	Candover	345	...	10.4	3.8	...
229	166	Garmoors	203	+1	...	2.5	25.1
465	155	Govett	446	-4	...	4.3	...
250	125	Ivory Sime	271	+2	...	4.0	19.1
428	150	Johnson Fry	353	-5	...	1.1	...
245	154	Lon Forfaiting	233	-1	8.7	4.7	16.9
87	47	Manakin	77	...	...	...	...
25½	3	Nat Home Loan	17	...	...	...	0.4
56	40	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
365	246	Rathbone Brs	332	...	6.5	2.4	20.2
28½	17	Rutland Tst	26½	-½	...	3.8	15.7
400	253	S & U	379	-6	10.2	3.4	14.1
114	48	Singer & Fried	105	...	...	3.6	...
1163	713	Sotheby's	1088	-5	...	1.5	...
188	113	SJP Capital	162	+1	3.0	2.3	66.8
224	183	Towry Law	217	-1	...	2.7	21.2

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2559½	1487½	Amer Express	1987½	-56½	...	...	...
1208	835	Henderson Ad	1098	-7	...	4.8	25.3
251½	92	Invesco	210	+1	...	1.8	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	259½	-18½	...	3.0	10.8
323	154	MAI	281	+1	...	3.1	17.8
770	389	MAM	685	-3	16.0	2.9	17.1
1263	633	M & G	1138	...	...	2.7	23.8
496	109	Smith New Ct	419	-15	...	2.1	4.1
81	45	Trio Hldgs	60	-1	2.5	5.2	...

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	456	AB Food	550	+7	...	3.4	11.4
77½	46½	ASDA Group	56½	+½	1.6	3.6	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	358	-1	...	2.8	13.0
80	55	Albert Fisher	68	+2	...	6.9	15.1
407	240	Argyll	349	+7	...	5.8	9.0
270	160	Banks (S C)	260	...	9.0	4.3	...
402	305	Barr (AG)	340	...	6.5	2.4	...
85	56	Bensons Crsps	70	...	...	5.1	15.7
481	357	Booker	426	...	...	6.4	36.9
52	35	Borthwick	50½	-½	...	3.0	62.4
505	430	Brake Bros	487	...	6.3	1.6	20.3
51	37	Budgen	40	...	...	4.1	12.1
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	505½	-3½	...	3.3	17.8
232	78	Carrs Milling	208	-9	...	2.6	15.2
196	133	Cranswick	150	...	...	6.7	14.2
22	9½	Callens	15	-½	0.5	4.2	43.1
384	119	Dalepak	119	...	...	5.3	34.7
543	424	Dalgety	462	+8	...	5.7	13.3
67	37	Daniels S	67	...	...	0.5	...
294	191	Devro	278	+1	...	2.5	26.4
134	82	Everest	82	-2	...	5.6	14.9
391	269	Farepak	384	...	5.9	1.9	23.6
10	3	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	80	+2	...	6.5	26.6
125	78	Fyffes	95	...	...	1.9	...
483	256	Geest	278	-1	8.1	3.6	12.5
20½	7	Global	17	-1	0.5	3.7	26.5
68	43	Grand Central	58	...	0.8	1.7	...
200	130	Hazlewood Fds	155	+2	...	5.2	8.7
196½	131	Hillsdown	172	-2	8.8	6.4	13.5
250	146	Iceland Group	158	-3	...	2.8	10.0
131	92	JLI Group	110	+2	...	5.3	12.2
853	542	Kwik Save	583	+3	...	3.9	10.5
262	144	Low (Wm)	164	-3	...	6.4	5.7
113	41	Matthews (B)	108	-2	2.3	2.7	70.7
19½	11	Merchant Retail	16	...	0.9	7.4	32.8
174	84	Morrison (W)	108	+3	...	1.0	14.0
246	177	Nichols (JN)	246	...	5.5	2.8	17.8
291	207½	Nthn Foods	224	+2	...	4.7	11.0
20½	8	Nrthmbrn Fin	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	215	-1	...	3.6	11.9
344	205	Park Foods	343	+1	...	2.4	28.4
115	58	Perkins Food	74	...	...	7.5	8.5
141	47	PizzaExpress	136	-2	...	0.5	28.7
9	1½	Regina Hlth	3½	...	...	...	...
594	342	Sainsbury J	359	+12	...	3.6	12.6
86	33	Sentry Farm	83	...	1.5	2.3	14.9
225	90	Sims Food	120	...	...	6.8	23.1
467½	355½	Tate & Lyle	426	+6	...	3.8	11.4
273	176	Tesco	223½	+5½	...	4.1	10.2
211	123	Thorntons	194	...	...	2.4	...
329	101	Treats	211	...	...	2.4	17.0
434½	300	Unigate	373	+3	...	5.5	12.2
437	324	Utd Biscuits	337	+10	...	5.7	20.9
24½	18½	Usborne	19	...	...	3.5	14.0
422	248	Watson & Phil	400	-8	...	4.5	16.7
59	30½	West Trust	45	-1	...	7.5	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H	25	...	1.5	2.2	21.7
94	77	City Centre Rest	90	+12	...	3.6	20.3
285	170	Forte	259	...	...	3.6	39.0
215	148	Friendly Hotels	200	...	...	...	...
11½	5	Harmony Props	10½	...	...	4.2	12.4
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	153½	...	...	6.9	17.3
222½	142	Ladbroke	202	+3	11.1	3.7	22.3
109½	59	Mandarin Orntl	89½	-9½	3.4	9.6	8.8
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	...	4.4	...
31	11½	Ryan Hotels	28½	...	7.0	0.8	...
1099½	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1063	+2	1.0	1.5	...
92½	34½	Stakis	86	...	...	...	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
318	19	AAF Inds	58	+12	...	19.0	3.5
616	455	AAH	498	-3	...	4.4	16.6
186	123	AIM	175	-4	...	5.4	21.4
238	88	APV	129	...	...	5.2	...
238	81	ASW	190	...	...	3.9	...
202	118	Adwest	189	-2	...	4.8	18.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	18	-1	...	5.3	...
312	249	Airsprung	311	...	...	1.9	19.9
211	113	Alexdra W	209	...	4.1	2.5	33.1
13½	6½	Allied Radio	11	-½	...	...	...
325	207½	Alumasc	325	...	...	2.4	18.0
71	17	Alvis	66	...	...	1.9	11.9
745	345	Amber Ind	745	...	...	3.2	17.1
68	45	Amberley Gp	60	...	1.0	2.1	...
107	75	Anagen	78	-1	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	82	...	...	4.6	...
1785	703	Antofagasta	1700	...	...	1.2	31.4
62	37	Armour	56½	-½	...	3.7	13.1
175	143	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
6	2½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.3	62.1
625	434	Avon Rubber	613	-1	...	3.4	21.6
300	168	Assoc Nmg	295	...	...	0.4	18.1
687½	488	Atlas Equip	538	...	...	5.1	13.5
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	78	...	...	...	...
224	147	BBA	211½	+½	...	4.4	18.0
122	28	BLP Group	122	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	40½	-½	...	2.0	...
770	590	BOC	695	...	...	4.2	27.3
86½	50	BSG	82	...	...	4.9	28.5
578	353	BSS Group	534	...	...	3.9	30.9
409½	318	BTR	360	+2	...	3.9	20.1
221	147	BWI	175	...	...	4.8	16.2
50	25½	Babcock	37	+½	...	3.7	22.1
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	242	-4	8.9	4.6	16.8
531½	393½	Barlow	406½	+12½	...	8.0	7.4
81	49	Baynes (Charles)	74	-1	...	2.5	30.3
28½	14	Bearing Power	23	-½	...	4.1	14.6
300	26	Beauford	26	...	...	...	...
35	15	Bedford (W)	35	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	15½	-1	...	2.4	11.7
707	285	Bespak	348	-2	10.2	3.7	10.9
133	55	Bisby (J)	72	+1	...	3.5	...
312	120	Billam (J)	213	...	5.3	3.1	10.7
41	21½	Bilston Bruses	29	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	7½	...	...	...	...
282	118½	Birkby	278	...	3.7	1.7	14.5
45	29	Black Arrow	40	...	2.1	6.6	12.6
283	136	Black (Peter)	271	-2	3.8	1.8	21.1
763	129	Bluebird Toys	745	+22	4.5	0.8	22.7
329	230	Bodycote	323	...	...	2.0	20.7
40	23	Bogod 'A'	35	...	0.7	2.5	13.0
609	416	Boots	538	+4	...	3.2	21.2
61	39	Booth Inds	43	-3	...	...	...
524	402	Bowater	507	+12	...	2.9	21.2
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1562½	-28½	...	...	...
297	199	Boxmore Intl	291	...	4.0	1.7	...
20	12½	Brasway	17½	...	...	3.6	...
333	204	Brammer	329	-3	13.0	4.9	24.5
31	12	Bridgend Gp	23	...	...	0.4	...
163	64	Bridon	156	-1	...	3.2	...
86	53	Bridport-Gndry	78	...	...	4.0	...
57½	31	Brierley Inv	53	-1½	...	6.4	13.1
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	236	...	...	4.3	19.8
124	42	Br Bloodstock	107	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	503	-2	...	2.5	18.0
147½	54	Br Steel	142½	+2½	...	1.3	...
195	115	Br Thornton	130	-1	...	4.8	13.5
286	215	Br Vita	286	-1	7.3	3.2	17.6
18½	5½	Britton Grp	17½	...	...	1.3	...
931½	555	Broken Hill	877	-10½	...	2.1	39.7
25	78	Bromsgrve Ind	113½	-½	...	4.8	14.8
17	6½	Brooke Tool	15½	...	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	53	-1	...	...	...
186	91	Bullough	164	+1	6.0	4.6	...
24	11½	Business Tech	15	...	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	20	-1	0.5	3.6	19.2
51	11	Camphil & Arm	51	+3	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	30½	+1	...	...	...
273	205	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
455	254	Caradon	401	-3	...	2.7	32.4
215½	128	-do- pf	194½	-½	7.2	4.7	...
293	178	Carclo Eng	277	-2	...	3.9	20.6
2887½	2025	Carnaud Mtl	2306½	+65½	...	2.7	...
104	68	Cassidy Bros	90	...	...	3.3	21.8
251	158	Castings	251	...	4.6	2.3	17.7
71	53	Cathay Intl	56	-1	...	...	...
250	213	Celltech	221	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	190	...	6.5	4.3	11.9
812	605	Charter	772	-1	...	3.6	11.8
360	220	Chemring	345	-5	...	3.3	17.9
92	45	Chieftain Gp	57	-1	4.5	9.9	12.2
45½	15½	Chillington	39	...	1.0	3.3	...
246	144	Christies Intl	225	-9	...	0.8	55.9
80	34	Claybithe	65	...	...	5.0	...
150	55	Clayton Son	113	...	...	...	...
455	295	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
297	179	Community H	293	...	...	3.1	16.5
263	186½	Concentric	253	-4	...	2.9	21.0
310	120	Cook (Wm)	302½	-1½	6.0	2.5	18.5
273	182	Cookson	269	+6	...	2.8	35.6
103	38	Copymore	103	...	4.0	4.9	...
238	130	Crwfl Pkr 'A'	165	...	...	4.3	22.3
178	92	Crosh	133	...	...	5.1	...
285	130	Creighton Nt	275	-1	7.4	3.4	19.7
48	27	CrestaCare	39	...	0.6	2.1	33.7
4075	2993½	Dana	3812½	+25	...	...	...
388	78½	Danka Bs Sys	361	+4	...	0.5	34.3
296	193	David Brown	288	-2	...	2.6	20.4
982	632	De La Rue	956	+10	...	2.5	23.0
41	16	Dixie Heel	40	...	1.1	3.4	31.8
628	391	Diploma	584	-2	...	2.6	23.4
97	50	Dobson Park	91	-1	...	5.2	20.7
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	124	...	5.0	5.0	22.8
97	57	-do- 'A'	90	...	5.0	6.9	16.6
16½	8	EFG	16	...	...	...	...
442	358	EIS	440	...	...	3.4	17.4
28	18	Elbief	19	...	...	...	...
53	19	Eleco	50	...	...	...	...
3496½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	3237½	-25	...	1.6	...
90	43	Elliott (B)	88	+1	...	...	...
548	394	Eng China Cl	476	+3	...	5.3	27.7
146	111	Envirotmntl	132	...	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2921½	-3½	...	1.0	...
86	32	Eurocopy	76	...	...	2.8	22.4
87	47	Expamet	69	...	...	4.4	1.6
778	499	Fairey Group	753	-1	10.7	1.8	23.2
141	47	Fenner	140	...	...	...	...
101	32	Ferraris Group	100	...	...	2.5	14.8
29	9	Ferrum	10	...	1.4	17.5	7.0
66	28	Pile Indmar	63	...	...	5.5	...
251	102	Fisons	127	...	...	8.6	11.8
60	29	Fitzwilton	51	...	...	8.6	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.7	13.0
51	33	Folkes Group nv	48½	-½	1.5	3.9	27.5
126	56	French (Thomas)	125	...	...	3.6	26.8
264	162	Frost Group	240	-8	...	2.3	31.1
88	70	GEI Intl	86	...	...	3.6	...
601½	420½	GKN	559	-3	...	4.8	36.0
69	42	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
134	79	Garton Eng	125	...	4.1	4.1	...
191	103	Gestetner	171	-3	...	2.2	...
68	23	Glevum	61	...	...	...	44.1
801	509	Glaxo	685½	-8½	...	4.4	16.1
44½	16	Glenchewton	38	...	...	...	...
394½	246	Glynwed	360	+7	11.6	4.0	33.9
190	66	Goode Durrant	188	...	...	3.6	...
165	102	Grampian Hd	175	-1	5.5	3.9	30.4
598	341	Granada	562	-1	...	1.9	22.2
485	301	Great Shm	484	-1	11.4	2.9	19.9
117	73	Green (Ernst)	81	...	...	10.8	12.3
15½	8½	Greenacre	14	-½	...	2.7	13.9
17	5	Guardian Grp	6	...	...	...	...
88	30½	Haden MacLn	80	...	...	3.1	28.9
102	44	Hadleigh Inds	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	70	-1	...	...	54.6
320	115	Hall Eng	308	-1	8.6	3.5	25.7
256	161	Halma	232	-3	...	1.2	29.1
71	30	Hampson Ind	66	...	1.7	3.2	21.8
302	222	Hanson	278	+3½	...	5.2	25.5
221	146	Harris (Phillip)	150	-1	...	5.7	9.1
220	147	Harrisn Crsfld	207	...	9.0	5.4	29.9
171	38	Havelock Euro	151	-1	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	40	-2	...	...	...
50	17	Headway	40	-1	...	2.2	...
13½	1½	Healthcare	1½	...	...	...	0.5
511	301	Hepworth	404	-4	14.6	4.0	20.0
228	154	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
73	15	High-Point	71	-2	0.5	0.9	...
203	112½	Hill & Smith	184	-1	6.2	4.2	...
28	6½	Hobson	27	...	...	...	...
191	87	Holders Tech	191	...	6.0	3.9	24.9
63	30	Hopkinsons	57	-1	0.9	2.0	43.1
226	133	Hornby	215	...	9.0	5.2	20.3
103	54½	Howden	100	...	...	2.9	15.8
280	246	Hozelock	255	-3	...	2.9	18.1
265	173	Hunting	252	-3	...	5.0	21.3
513	269½	Hunsigh Tec	493	...	...	1.0	32.7
379	247	IMI	345	+1	...	3.6	30.6
135	90	ISA Intl	130	-1	1.5	1.5	20.2
205	131	Intercare Gp	137	...	...	3.2	13.1
300	235	Isotron	295	-5	4.4	1.9	16.5
710	360	Jardine Math	556½	-20½	...	2.3	20.2
610	425	Johnson Mattx	570	-3	...	2.3	22.2
64	35	Johnson & FB	45	-1	...	3.8	42.6
177	104	Johnston	158	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Stdpman	28	-1	...	...	...
36	18	Jourdan (T)	27½	-4½	0.7	3.4	...
187½	73	Kalon	181½	-½	...	2.4	25.2
297	195	Kelsey Ind	260	-1	8.0	3.8	...
805	465	Kershaw (A)	780	...	...	4.4	39.2
276	75	Kleeneze	256	-3	...	0.5	...
422	266	Laird	408	...	...	3.2	20.1
170	103	Lilleshall	165	-1	...	3.3	21.7
225	97	Lincat	225	...	...	3.3	15.9
51	4½	Lincoln Hse	40	...	...	...	32.9
131	76	Linread	118	...	3.8	4.0	18.2
355	170	Linton Park	348	...	...	5.0	12.6
15½	9½	Lionheart	11½	...	0.2	2.2	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	17½	-½	0.8	6.1	25.5
274	97	Lon Intl	148	-1	0.2	5.3	...
175½	70	Lonrho	153½	-½	...	3.3	75.7
429	269	Low & Bonar	429	+2	...	3.0	...
49	14	ML Hldgs	45	...	...	...	...
67	27	MS Intl	62	...	...	5.0	38.0
70	39	MY Holdings	65	+5	...	2.4	17.2
271	168	Macfarlane	253	...	...	1.7	28.7
539	379	McKechnie	519	...	...	3.6	25.0
127	85	McLeod Russel	117	-1	...	6.5	17.3
106	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
157	71	Mang Bronze	157	...	...	2.0	26.0
26½	19½	Marling	21	...	...	5.1	...
251	134	Mayborn	218	...	5.2	3.0	16.7
64	29	Mayflower	59	...	...	1.0	49.3
236	85	Medeva	144½	-3½	...	2.1	11.7
120	98	Meggitt	112	-½	...	4.3	19.1
130	98	Metalr	129	...	...	3.6	21.1
154	112	Metrotect	125	-1	...	3.2	17.4
118	70	Mersec	118	...	...	...	...
124	29	Midstates	107	-4	...	0.9	14.9
575	368	Molins	553	...	...	3.3	13.3
408	262	Morgan Crle	392	-3	...	4.0	20.6
212	134	Morris Ashby	212	...	5.7	3.4	16.1
51	18	Neepsend	47	...	1.0	2.7	63.1
80	34	Nestor-BNA	75	...	3.1	5.2	17.9
249	122	Nobo Gp	247	...	5.3	2.7	24.4
212½	122½	Norcros	184	+2	...	4.8	26.9
51	32	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	...
81	36	Office Elec Mac	53	...	...	...	...
64	21	OMI Intl	57	...	...	3.8	...
173	123	PCT	170	...	7.2	5.3	19.3
91	36	Pacer Systems	76	-2	...	5.7	...
43	31	Pascoes	36	...	...	...	...
138	87½	Pentland	108	-1	...	3.0	14.7
395	280	Photo-Me	303	...	4.7	1.9	18.2
204	97½	Pilkington	195½	+½	...	1.6	...
108	68	Plantsbrook	108	...	3.1	3.6	17.0
185	125	Polypipe	171	-1	2.1	1.5	23.1
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
376	272	Powerscreen	294	-2	...	2.9	15.3
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	22½	-½	...	4.6	12.6
77	33½	RPS Group	75	-1	2.3	3.8	16.0
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil	159	...	1.0	0.8	53.2
1101	636	Rank Org	1068	+7	...	3.6	23.2
33	13	Ransomes	23	...	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	689	+1	...	3.0	15.9
83	50	Record	83	...	3.6	5.4	40.8
7½	2½	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
291	131	Relyon	291	...	5.0	2.2	34.9
308	208	Renishaw	305	+1	...	2.7	36.2
144½	55	Renold	144½	+½	...	1.5	...
2093	1240	Reuters	1996	-40	...	1.6	27.5
87	24½	Rexmore	83	...	2.0	3.1	...
201	91	Ricardo Group	182	-2	...	3.9	25.8
76	58	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
108	63	Richardson West	108	...	3.0	3.5	27.7
155	109	Ropner	155	...	8.2	6.7	22.0
152	97	-do- 'A'	152	...	8.2	6.8	21.5
38	14	Ross Gp	20½	-1	0.6	4.0	8.4
195	131½	Rotork	191	-2	...	2.4	22.3
190	89	Rubicon	163	...	...	3.3	20.6
75	43	Russell (A)	71	...	...	0.9	...
38	15	SEP Indl	30½	-½	0.8	2.8	...
1337½	625	SKF 'B'	1237½	-25	...	...	...
272	205	Scapa	245	-1	...	2.9	18.3
238	179	Scholl	197	...	...	4.0	14.3
322	242½	Scotia	245	...	...	...	...
1291	917	Securicor	1243	...	...	0.3	35.2
1036	362	-do- 'A'	970	-4	...	0.4	27.5
892	465	Security Serv	819	-5	5.6	0.9	...
154½	77	Senior Eng	147	-½	...	2.7	24.5
361	278	Seton Health	328	...	...	2.3	19.4
166	88	Shiloh	155	...	3.0	2.4	16.7
349	271	Sidlaw	344	-1	...	3.8	17.1
610	427	Siebe	605	+11	...	2.1	21.3
383	220	Silentnight	373	-2	...	2.7	20.2
181	102	Sime Darby	158	-2	...	3.1	17.1
142	83	Simon Eng	120	-2	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	230	-2	...	3.8	17.9
47	35	Six Hundred	39	...	...	4.8	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	146½	+½	...	4.0	16.3
513	373	Smithkline	401	+1	...	3.4	16.0
450	340	Smthkline Uts	367	+1	...	3.7	14.7
527½	320	Smiths Ind	479	+3	...	3.1	19.2
140	58	Sthn Bus	96	...	...	4.8	5.0
585	265	Spandex	583	...	...	1.4	25.9
660	300	Spear (JW)	506	...	4.5	1.1	9.4
407	314	Spirax-Sarco	399	...	...	2.9	25.0
137½	41½	Spring Ram	72½	+½	...	0.9	...
270	201	Staveley	240	-2	...	4.4	13.6
242	126	Sterling Ind	241	...	...	3.1	36.9
220	97	Suter	207	+1	9.0	5.4	21.7
611	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	461½	-2½	...	2.0	...
7	1	Sycamore	7	...	...	...	...
78	50	Sykes-Pick	51	+1	3.0	7.5	9.8
178	120	Symone	178	...	...	3.4	25.7
455	279	TI	414	+5	...	3.3	28.3
44	12	TLS Range	38	...	0.2	0.8	...
375	231	TT Group	359	-3	...	2.3	22.1
292	201	Talbare	277	-2	...	0.8	34.1
866	618	Takeda Chem	804	-23½	...	0.9	15.2
68	24	Tex Hldgs	63	...	...	5.5	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	97	...	...	7.2	16.7
240	150	Thona	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	212½	Tomkins	262	+1	...	3.2	19.3
134	59	Trafalgar H	108	-1	...	3.8	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	96	-1	3.2	4.2	12.1
190	120	Tripley Lloyd	161	...	...	5.4	19.4
318	214	UniChem	298	-2	6.4	2.7	19.5
438	275½	Unidare	438	...	...	2.0	...
76	11½	Unigroup	41	+3	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1130	+8	25.0	2.8	...
8118½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7495½	-75	...	2.8	12.4
24½	9	Utd Inds	17½	...	...	...	...
1093	513	VSEL	1060	-5	...	3.6	11.4
31½	6½	Verson	24	-2	...	...	...
196	95½	Vickers	192	+3	...	1.5	...
367	263	Victaulic	317	-1	...	3.1	15.6
522	283	Vimsn	498	-1	...	1.8	23.2
804	427	Vosper Thorny	802	...	...	2.6	18.6
48	33	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	7.5	11.7
510	368	Wagon Ind	508	...	...	4.3	22.4
8½	1½	Wakebourne	4	...	...	...	21.8
114	71	Walker Greenbk	107	-1	3.1	3.6	27.3
304	201	Wassall	284	-1½	2.7	1.2	28.7
51	22	Wirford Wdgwd	46	-1	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	342	...	...	2.2	19.3
995	604	Wellcome	642	+4	...	3.4	13.6
30	16	Wellman	27½	...	0.9	4.1	44.9
400	260	West Hldgs	378	-3	...	1.2	24.2
568	455	Whatman	547	-1	9.7	2.2	18.5
353	211	Whessoe	261	-3	...	3.9	12.3
111	27	Whitecroft	108	-1	...	...	...
13½	4½	Widney	12½	...	...	...	...
191	44	Wilkes (James)	170	...	3.5	...	49.7
421	295½	Williams Hldg	393	+2	12.5	4.0	20.6
50½	17	Wilshaw	50	+½	...	1.4	31.5
920	533	Wolseley	879	-4	...	1.9	26.2
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	...	1.4	...
96	38	Young (H)	84	...	...	4.9	...

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1393½	-31½	...	4.8	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1806½	-6½	...	4.3	...
86	30	Archer	61	-3	...	2.0	...
165	118	Bradstock	138	-4	...	5.1	15.1
550	359½	Britannic	480	-3	...	3.0	...
117	96	CLM Insce	108	...	...	...	...
711	556	Com Union	690	+27	...	5.0	20.5
1775	1225	Dom & Gen	1758	...	...	1.6	23.2
64	18	FAI	57	-3	...	0.9	...
194	166	Fenchurch Grp	178	-3	...	5.1	15.0
757	546	Gen Accident	629	-8	26.7	5.3	...
247	160	GRE	213	+5	...	4.6	2.9
457	293	Heath C E	389	-9	...	5.1	...
226	122	Hogg Gp	144	-1	8.1	7.1	13.1
323	255	Independent Ins	292	...	...	3.5	26.8
215	162	JIB Group	184	...	...	5.1	18.9
547	408½	Legal & Gen	493	-10	...	4.9	30.0
1281½	788½	Liberty Life	1181½	+6½	...	2.7	18.8
121	99	LIMIT	107	...	...	...	...
471	389	Lloyds Abbey	397	+4	...	5.7	12.7
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	293	-1	6.7	2.9	18.2
443	274	London & Man	393	-8	14.7	4.7	28.9
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	442	-6	14.0	4.0	15.9
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5587½	-25	...	3.2	...
186	139	Nelson Hurst	175	-4	...	4.0	17.5
130	76	Oriel	115	...	...	5.4	...
83	50½	PWS	80	...	...	6.2	14.8
385	282½	Prudential	323	+3	...	4.8	21.5
404	266½	Refuge	393	-2	...	3.4	13.8
350	248	Royal	292	-14	...	3.3	13.0
204	150	Sedgwick	198	+3	...	3.8	21.6
361	100	Steel Burrill	108	-1	...	13.9	6.4
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	79	-1	...	4.7	67.1
418	307	Sun Alliance	349	+10	14.2	5.1	...
91	50	Trade Indemnty	90	...	...	...	...
464	239	Transatlantic	419	-16	...	3.6	37.7
773	490	Utd Friendly	660	-3	15.1	2.9	28.8
245	171	Willis Corroon	223	+6	...	3.7	32.0
25	13½	Windsor	24	...	...	...	18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1548	Alliance	1940	-2	45.5	2.9	...
161	124	BZW Conv	154	-½	7.8	6.3	...
219	137½	Bankers	204	+1	...	2.3	...
381	264	Baring Tribne	365	-1	6.6	2.3	...
243	131	Berry Starq	242	...	2.2	1.1	...
120½	90½	Br Assets	111½	+2½	...	4.8	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	95	...	...	1.2	...
46	14	-do- Wnts	36	-2	...	...	...
234	156	Br Inv	220	-2	4.6	2.6	...
272	174	Brunner	258	-2	...	2.5	...
221	130	Conti Asset	210	-1	3.0	1.8	...
195	143	Derby Inc	153	+1	...	12.9	...
325	195	-do- Cap	285	...	...	...	...
100	62	Drayton Blue	94	-1	8.4	11.2	...
111	35	-do- Eng Intl	104	...	1.0	1.2	...
156	84	-do- Far East	147	+2	0.6	0.6	...
177	95	-do- Korea	166	-2	0.5	0.5	...
784	576	Dunedin Inc G	746	-2	26.1	4.5	...
106	76	-do- Japan	104½	+1	...	...	...
73	34	-do- Warrants	73	+½	...	...	...
827	513	-do- Wrde	790	+1	...	1.5	...
341	222	Dundee & Lon	329	...	...	3.4	...
360	250½	Edinburgh	327	...	8.5	3.2	...
354	183	Electra Inv	325	-1	...	2.7	...
280	141	Electric Gen	206	-1	3.1	1.9	...
127	85	English Scot	121	-1	...	...	...
345	205	European Asset	335	-1	...	1.6	...
172	77	Finsbury 'A'	158	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	248	Fleming Amer	325	...	1.5	0.6	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	102	...	...	...	...
96	52	-do- Warrants	57	...	...	...	...
267	190½	-do- Claver	237	-2	5.5	2.9	...
385	212	Do Contl	368	-3	2.7	0.9	...
264	147	-do- Entp	249	-2	...	2.4	...
459	213	-do- F East	379	...	1.1	0.4	...
422	246	-do- Fledg	400	-1	3.0	0.9	...
122	95	-do- Hi Inc	107	-1	...	5.2	...
273	136	-do- Japan	258	-1	...	0.2	...
342	250	-do- Merc	323	...	6.7	2.6	...
347½	232	-do- Oseas	321	+2	4.2	1.6	...
311	203	Foreign & Col	290	-3	...	1.5	...
148	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	124	-1½	0.2	0.3	...
77	44	-do- Enterprise	73½	...	0.6	1.0	...
259	164	-do- Eurotst	251	-2½	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	122	...	0.5	0.5	...
374	191	-do- Pacific	341	-1	...	0.8	...
192	116	-do- Smaller	185	-½	1.8	1.3	...
322	145	GT Japan	293	+5	...	0.5	...
195	65	Genl Cons Cap	193	+4	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	107	+1	8.7	10.2	...
191	115	Govett Am Smlr	172	-1	...	...	...
151	94	-do- Emg Mkts	130	-1	...	...	...
110	96	Govett High Inc	97	...	...	7.0	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	388	...	0.9	0.3	...
346	207	-do- Strategy	333	...	...	2.7	...
475	340	Greenfriar	469	...	6.6	1.8	...
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
158	124	Inv Cap	139	-1½	...	4.6	...
119	77	IHS UK Smlr	109	-1	2.8	3.2	...
243	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	219	-1	5.1	3.0	...
272½	176	-do- O'seas	253	+4	3.4	1.7	...
165	108	-do- Smlr	163	...	...	2.7	...
826	540	Law Debenture	758	-1	18.5	3.1	...
227	164	Majedie	222	-1	...	2.8	...
324	221	Merchants	293	-2	...	4.9	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2718½	-143½	...	...	...
995	383	Monks Inv Tst	556	-1	...	1.5	...
158	105	Morg Grem Inc	145	-1	...	3.9	...
64	23	Do Warrants	50	-2	...	1.9	...
148	58	Murray Ent	134	+1	...	...	...
1290	£117½	-do- Pf 1994	£265	...	...	...	...
58	43	-do- Warrants	44	...	...	...	...
66	39	Murray Euro	69½	...	0.1	0.3	...
27½	4½	Do Wts	21	...	...	...	...
393	282	Murray Income	369	+2	10.9	3.7	...
395	265	-do- Intl	370	+1	11.6	3.9	...
548	263	-do- Small	519	-3	...	1.0	...
103	82	-do- S/C Inc	84	+1	...	15.8	...
174	73	-do- S/C Cap	145	-1	...	...	...
3400	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3400	...	...	3.9	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	155	-½	...	...	...
363	230	-do- Vent	339	...	...	4.0	...
95	68	Nwthrog Inc	87	-2	8.7	9.9	...
404	349	O'seas Inv Tst	376	+3	...	1.0	...
647	285	Pacific Assets	519	-7	1.2	0.3	...
545	187	Do Warrants	422	+7	...	...	...
9400	7650	Personal Assets	9300	...	190	2.6	...
189	100	R/T Cap Pfnr	178	...	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	120	+1	9.2	9.8	...
465	350	Robeco	448	...	...	2.8	...
463	346	Rolinco	463	...	...	1.7	...
343	214	St Andrew Inv	339	...	7.8	2.9	...
183	131	Scot American	171	-1½	4.6	3.4	...
371	136	Scot Asian	289	...	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	880	-3	...	...	...
97½	63½	-do- Eastern	88½	+1	1.5	2.2	...
262½	183	Scottish	237	+1	4.9	2.6	...
264½	178	-do- Mrge	236	+5	4.0	2.1	...
133½	71	-do- Value	126	-1	...	1.8	...
1795	1390	Second Allnce	1673	+1	...	3.0	...
106	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	99½	+½	3.2	4.1	...
179	109½	Selective Asset	173	+2	...	1.1	...
51½	14	Sphere Inv	45	+½	3.4	9.4	...
205	112	TR Far East	175	+5	...	3.6	...
177½	126	TR City Of Lon	161	+1½	...	3.8	...
249	110	TR Pacific	203	+1	0.3	0.2	...
43½	17	TR Property	38½	...	0.9	2.9	...
152	47	TR Tech Inv	141	-1	1.7	1.6	...
228	146	TR Smlr Cos	219	-1	...	2.2	...
412	283	Temple Bar	376	+3	13.5	4.6	...
135	60	Thrgmtn Asian E	121	+2	0.5	0.5	...
101	54	Throgmorton	90	...	2.3	3.2	...
553	363	Throg Dual Cp	513	...	...	...	...
269	178	USDC Invest	256	-1	4.5	2.2	...
129	76½	Value Inc Tst	113	-1	4.0	4.0	...
257½	181	Witan	238	...	...	3.0	...

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	269	Airtours	553	+1	...	2.0	18.9
64	41	Ald Leis	44	-2	...	8.5	14.3
668	194	Anglia TV	643	-4	...	1.8	29.8
131	63	Baldwin	108	-2	3.5	4.1	...
289	192	Barr & W 'A'	289	+1	10.0	4.3	18.7
1400	930	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	23.0	2.1	19.5
205	90	Border TV	178	-5	3.6	2.5	14.5
16½	4	Brent Walker	5	...	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scotts	125	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	44	Campari	99	-5	6.7	18.5	...
439	171	Capital Radio	405	-1	...	1.8	35.7
1047	520	Carlton Comm	945½	+28½	...	2.5	22.2
304	158	Castle Comm	292	...	...	3.6	19.4
3130	1615	Central TV	2930	-10	39.0	1.7	31.9
163	61	Chrysalis	140	...	3.2	2.9	...
748	470	Compass Gp	725	-7	...	2.2	20.2
350	175	Eurocamp	262	-2	9.7	4.7	10.8
1180	268	Euro Disney	384½	-½	...	3.0	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
43½	18	Ex-Lands	38	-1	...	1.2	...
419	245	Fairline Boats	375	-5	...	3.5	35.3
378	232	First Leisure	322	-13	...	2.6	21.5
478	403	Flextech	440	-9	0.5	0.1	...
1033	298	GWR Gp	1000	-18	9.0	1.1	...
303	149	Grampian	287	-13	6.5	2.8	19.9
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	17	...	...	...	...
161	19	HTV Group	150	-3	1.0	0.8	...
96	30	Hi-Tec Sports	92	-2	...	3.1	...
18½	5½	Kunick	16½	...	...	...	15.5
752	405	LWT Hldgs	731	+6	...	0.8	33.8
677	327	Man Utd	677	+3	...	3.6	27.3
48	7½	Northern	40	...	...	...	7.7
148	59	Owners Abrd	124	...	3.5	3.6	...
89	33	The Pelican Gp	85	...	1.1	1.6	19.9
183	55	Prism Leisure	180	...	3.5	2.4	16.7
43	16	Quadrant Grp	40	...	...	...	...
229	132	Ramsdens (H)	225	-1	4.5	2.5	...
628	274	Scot Radio	625	-3	...	1.9	27.8
574	410	Scot TV	551	-22	10.3	2.4	27.1
40½	13½	SelectTV	37½	...	...	...	...
117	37	Southern Radio	114	-2	...	1.4	50.5
341½	164	Stanley Leisure	341	+11	...	1.0	27.6
145	115	Sunset & Vine	142	...	3.5	3.1	21.7
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Tickeing	2	...	...	...	...
117	75	Tottenhm Hot	82	+4	...	3.0	31.4
182	44	Trans World	174	...	0.8	0.6	63.5
780	274	Ulster TV	733	-8	12.0	2.0	22.5
145½	62	Vardon	143	-1	1.1	1.0	...
375	110	Yorkshire TV	327	-16	5.3	1.3	...
126	83	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	1125	Ang Am	2753½	+68½	...	2.5	23.3
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1787½	-12½	...	5.2	9.2
6518½	1800	Ang Am Gold	5425	+190½	...	4.1	24.3
33½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	30	...	...	...	...
405	115	Bakyrchik	313	-7	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	127	+10	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	30½	...	...	29.1	5.3
896	233	Buffels	718	+32½	...	9.0	6.4
6	1	Bune	3½	...	...	...	...
930½	546	CRA	844½	-29	...	2.5	27.0
54	11	Cluff Res	49½	...	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1450	+50	...	3.4	19.7
165	37½	Deelkraal	98	-3½	...	2.0	7.2
96	7	Doornfontein	40½	...	...	...	...
914	389	Driefontein	756	+36½	...	4.4	12.5
788	120	Durban	557½	-18	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	120½	-½	...	9.1	3.6
175	35	E Rand Prop	88½	-½	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	371½	+12	...	5.3	...
1239	392	FS Cons	920½	+36½	...	7.0	11.8
80	8	FS Dev	37	...	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1337½	+18½	...	3.0	22.5
150	62½	Gencor	120½	+2½	...	5.5	13.4
80½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	65½	-2	...	2.1	26.7
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	-1½	...	...	...
202	49	Groorvlei	115	+2½	...	6.7	7.2
416	78	Harmony	378½	+2½	...	...	...
430	87	Hartles	341½	+9½	...	8.3	8.5
34	8½	Inoco	17½	-1	...	...	14.4
1028½	449½	Impala Plat	881½	...	...	3.2	25.3
16½	6	Kenmare Res	14½	...	...	...	...
1315½	331½	Kinross	971½	-15½	...	6.4	10.8
913	319	Kloof	663½	+41	...	3.7	7.9
137	25	Leslie	79½	...	...	14.2	4.3
359	13	Loraine	192½	...	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	915	...	...	2.3	...
149	80	MIM	138	-2½	...	1.7	59.9
1512	820	Minorco	1320	-34	...	2.9	15.6
201½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	172½	-2	...	2.9	26.5
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2381½	+10½	...	5.3	14.1
899	607	RTZ	831	+5	...	2.9	23.5
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.0	7.1
801½	150	Randfontein	570½	+7½	...	7.2	5.7
295	115	Renison	240	-10	...	1.9	24.8
1346½	850	Rustnbrg	1140½	+6½	...	2.8	26.1
756	191	St Helena	612½	+28½	...	6.0	12.9
2887½	475	Southvaal	1715½	+61½	...	5.4	...
119	18	Stilfontein	79½	...	...	25.9	14.9
201	58	Unisel	100	-1½	...	4.4	9.6
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6015½	+240½	...	4.5	...
813	154	Welkom	625½	+24½	...	5.4	14.0
640	26	Western Areas	554½	+15½	...	4.8	3.5
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2634½	+146½	...	4.2	...
398	176	Wstrn Mining	348½	-7½	...	1.5	...
1225	321½	Winkels	684½	-18½	...	6.7	6.6
84	49	Zambia Copper	60	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	52	...	...	8.9	17.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
263	233	Abbey Panels	263	...	3.0	3.3	10.9
135	95	Airflow Stream	113	...	...	4.0	...
175	78	Appleyard	163	...	...	2.8	20.5
405	203	Bletchley Mtr	405	...	6.0	3.3	40.7
231	120	Bostrom	230	...	...	2.1	44.0
584	165	Br Aerospace	505	+3	...	4.6	12.9
58	19½	Burndene	48	-1	...	...	...
465	303	Calyns	443	...	11.5	3.2	23.4
22	4½	Caverdale	17½	-1½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	128	-2	...	4.0	30.9
43	18	Cook (DC)	37	-1	0.9	3.0	21.0
348	156	Cowie (T)	317	-2	6.6	2.6	24.1
205	86	Dag Motors	196	...	5.7	3.7	35.4
157	102½	Davnprt Vern	154	...	4.2	3.5	...
331	155	ERF	331	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	153	-5	...	3.0	21.5
507	208	Evans Halshaw	507	...	11.4	2.8	78.1
308	211	FR Group	293	-1	...	3.1	15.6
4718½	2843½	Ford Motor	4225	-118½	...	...	...
4387½	2143½	General Mtr	3487½	-68½	...	1.5	...
90	38	Gowrings	83	...	2.0	3.0	...
343	85	Henlys	340	...	3.5	1.3	...
1105½	769	Honda Motor	1105½	+11½	...	0.8	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	41	...	...	...	...
116	66	Jessups	92	-1	4.5	6.1	...
184	97	Kwik-Fit	161	-3	...	2.7	22.8
573	281	Lex Service	542	+3	...	2.6	29.6
274	85	Lookers	272	...	...	3.0	26.1
239	126	Lucas	219	-2	...	4.0	...
29½	21	Malaya Grp	27½	-½	...	...	...
307	224½	Pendragon	306	-1	...	2.6	25.1
238	101½	Perry Gp	235	...	...	3.8	...
218	108	Quicks Group	211	-1	...	2.8	27.0
188	96½	Rolls-Royce	168	-5	...	3.7	...
249	164	T & N	240	-4	...	5.7	34.2
300	163	Trinity Hldgs	280	-15	...	2.5	26.2
221	125	Vardy (Reg)	220	-1	...	2.5	25.7
338	121	Westland	330	-1	...	1.7	25.1

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	103	Adscene	340	...	5.7	2.1	34.5
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	359	-1	...	3.3	13.4
403	275	Bristol	400	...	...	3.8	36.1
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1575	-9½	...	1.2	36.9
1484½	769½	Daily Mail 'A'	1365½	-6½	...	1.4	32.0
355	210	Dorling Kind	261	...	...	1.6	23.6
6712½	4337½	Elsevier	6240½	-53½	...	1.5	21.4
476	322	EMAP	441	...	...	2.3	27.2
1600	873	Euromoney Pb	1600	...	...	3.0	38.1
183	154	Harrington K	183	-5	4.7	3.2	15.0
515	155½	Haynes Pub	453	-15	...	2.0	25.3
390	334	Hodder H'line	389	...	5.1	1.7	33.1
180	99	Home Counis	170	...	5.2	3.9	...
195	30	Intl Bus Comm	193	...	...	...	27.9
15	6½	Int Cm & Data	14	+1½	...	...	...
510	340	Independent	485	...	...	2.6	26.2
655	395	Johnstne Press	653	...	6.5	1.2	28.3
356	243	Menzl Bulletn	356	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
203	86	Mirror Gp	171	-2	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	474½	-13½	...	0.3	...
314	169	News Intl	294	...	...	0.6	16.0
735	342	Pearson	688	+3	...	3.2	37.4
760	510	Portsmth Sund	758	...	...	1.6	20.9
964	618	Reed Intl	895	+6	...	2.4	39.0
249	98	Southnews	249	...	2.3	1.2	46.0
200	90	Sterling Pub	200	...	...	1.0	34.3
594	328	Telegraph	594	+2	...	2.8	19.1
885	715	Thomson Corp	835	...	30.1	4.5	41.7
472	313	Trinity Intl	465	+1	9.0	2.4	27.9
39	21	Unit Group	30	...	...	...	...
731	480½	Utd Newspapers	679	...	...	4.0	18.9

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	28½	+1½	...	...	27.8
61	33	Arcon Intl	40	-3	...	...	...
77½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	71½	-½	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	54	...	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	8	...	...	...	79.5
233	145	Br Borneo	230	-4	7.1	4.0	6.7
361½	276	British Gas	316	-10	...	5.8	...
406½	325	Br Petroleum	364	+4½	...	2.9	30.9
3½	1	Bula Resources	3	...	...	...	...
875	675	Burmah Castrl	856	...	...	3.7	20.0
68	32	Cairn Energy	62	...	...	...	8.9
375	223	Calor Gp	331	-3	...	4.5	18.1
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	41	...	...	...	...
44	23½	Copler Res	28	...	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	21½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	423	...	...	4.7	23.5
88	26	Exp Co Louis	51	-2	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	34	-1	...	4.5	8.7
10½	4	Fortune	6½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	57	-½	1.4	3.1	10.9
48	18	Gt Western Res	40	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	151	...	...	0.8	14.0
55	18½	Kelt Energy	48	+1	...	...	...
195	67	LASMO	137	+2	...	3.2	25.7
103	63	-do- Units	65	...	...	9.4	18.2
24	2	Mid Scot Res	4½	+½	...	...	...
64½	34	Monument	63	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	6½	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
37	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	...	...	...
50	27	Oil Search	46	-1	...	...	...
46	11½	Petrol	43½	-1½	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	162	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	25	...	...	...	9.2
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	340	-23	...	4.8	...
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	7059½	+46½	...	4.4	...
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3796½	-125	...	2.1	...
67	47	Seafield	56	...	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	702	+3	...	4.4	...
303	135	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
19	6	Villiers Grp	17½	...	...	...	...
228½	135	Woodside	205	-2½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	178	...	...	3.7	16.1
444	249	API	428	-1	...	2.4	26.9
300	144	Arjo Wiggins	287	-1	...	2.8	46.4
711	408	Abbott Mead	711	+3	9.5	1.7	37.3
41	13	Aegis Gp	25	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	203	-2	4.9	3.0	16.4
26	7	BBB Design	24	...	...	...	...
472	225	Bemrose	471	...	...	3.6	21.7
30½	7	Birkdale	10½	...	...	...	...
183	116	Bunzl	171	-2	4.0	2.9	25.8
430	257	CIA Gp	413	-2	4.4	1.4	26.1
230	93	Capital Inds	167	-5	...	2.7	15.9
93	44	City of Lon	87	-1	...	5.5	16.0
439	169	Cropper (James)	434	-3	3.2	0.9	41.9
111	51	Delyn Group	111	-3	1.6	1.9	14.9
137	94	Dolphin Pack	130	...	4.5	4.3	32.1
97	42	Dudley Jenkins	80	...	...	2.8	17.5
16½	10	Elswick	13½	...	...	2.8	15.1
93	41	Fairway Group	92	-1	3.3	4.7	...
430	271	Ferguson Intl	426	-2	...	3.7	19.3
145	92	Ferry Pick	145	...	...	4.8	39.1
227	74	Filofax	217	-1	...	0.9	28.0
20	8	Finch	10½	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons	147	...	5.2	4.4	16.6
295	205	Gold Greenless	239	-1	...	4.4	21.6
41	17	Goodhead	30	...	...	0.2	...
86	15	Humerprint	17	...	...	...	...
185	133	Intereurope	135	...	...	7.3	9.8
290	191	Jarvis Porter	259	...	...	2.1	26.9
33½	15½	Lopex	29	...	...	...	...
39½	26	MMI	32½	...	...	...	...
431	175	More O'Ferrall	421	...	13.2	3.9	50.4
146	48	NMC Group	130	...	2.7	2.6	20.1
300	66	Osborne & Little	295	-1	...	2.2	32.4
60	6½	Osprey Comms	49	...	...	0.2	...
582	455	Portals	580	-2	...	3.2	20.0
3½	½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
338	159	Quarto	337	-2	...	2.1	30.7
405	270	St Ives Gp	396	-1	...	1.7	28.1
186	133	Saatchi	146	...	...	...	...
529½	292	Sappi	494½	-3	...	6.7	9.4
30½	8½	Seril	30	...	...	...	...
55½	14	Shandwick	55	...	...	...	...
517	294	Smith David	490	-2	...	2.6	33.4
361	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	331	-3	...	1.6	8.0
119	45	Somic	114	-5	2.5	2.7	46.7
246	183	Stat-Plus	246	...	8.4	4.3	21.9
33	16½	Taylor Nelson	32½	...	5.3	1.3	27.3
141	38	VTR	140	...	...	3.3	21.1
129	40	WPP	122	-1	...	1.0	4.6
264	62	Wace	232	-3	...	0.5	...
300	203	Waddington (J)	257	...	...	3.9	19.3
490	270	Waterlow	490	...	...	1.5	38.4
7	3	Westport	4½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mcke	35	...	...	...	...
103	55	Wyndeham	102	-1	...	1.8	21.9

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	123	-1	...	3.6	31.9
48	35	Arcadian	43	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	8½	...	...	...	...
144	52	Asda	130	...	...	2.1	13.7
191	88	Avonside	172	-3	4.1	3.0	24.0
2637½	2062½	BCE	2418½	-53½	...	...	...
765	396	Bilton	735	...	18.9	3.2	26.0
107	17	Bourne End	102	...	...	1.2	...
276	150	Bradford	262	-2	5.9	2.8	26.5
23	5	Bredero	19	...	...	...	...
474	166½	Br Land	433	-5	...	2.1	39.5
276	140½	Brixton	229	...	...	4.6	18.1
136	42	Burford	111	-1	...	1.6	25.5
218	90	Cap & Regnl	206	-2	...	1.0	...
270	120	Cardiff Prop	270	...	...	1.2	60.4
185	172	Chelsfield	176	+1	...	1.7	...
678	196	Chesterfield	663	...	11.5	2.2	47.4
83	12	Cty Site Ests	82	...	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	27	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
62	34	Conrad Rblat GS	56	...	...	...	...
1755	818	Daejan	1720	-8	...	2.0	21.2
65	5	Dares Estates	15½	-1½	...	...	...
156	53	Debenhm Twsn	153	-3	...	2.7	29.1
17	4	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
189	76	Dencora	187	...	3.0	2.0	...
723	263	Derwent Hldgs	723	+2	8.7	1.5	...
45	10	Development Sec	39	...	...	...	...
65	24	Dwyer	63	...	...	2.1	53.5
450	170	Estates Agency	450	...	...	...	...
47	7½	Esmes Gen	29½	-2½	...	...	...
132	66	Evans Of Leeds	126	...	...	2.3	22.3
37	11	Five Oaks	35½	...	...	...	...
78	30	Fletcher King	78	...	1.0	1.6	51.7
536	276½	Frogmore	512	-6	...	3.9	34.7
325	97	Grainger	324	...	...	2.0	57.9
260	116½	Gr Portland	233	+5	...	4.3	22.3
23½	3½	Greycoat	20	...	...	...	...
269	101	HK Land	217½	-4½	...	2.9	28.7
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	77	-1	0.5	0.8	...
435	233	Hammerson	408	-1	10.0	3.1	41.1
378	127	Helical Bar	374	-1	...	1.6	13.4
40½	19	Hemingway	35½	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	71	...	3.7	6.6	17.8
315	133	Jermyn	230	+5	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	716	+5	23.1	4.0	21.4
122	73	Lon Merch Sec	116	...	4.0	4.3	18.0
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	12	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	495	+9	...	5.1	28.5
13½	5	McInerney A	13½	...	...	...	...
190	90	McKay Secs	180	...	3.5	2.4	24.7
8	2½	Marklieath	6	...	...	...	...
91	12	Merivale Mre	75	-1	...	...	...
55	29	Moorfield Est	47	-1	...	...	...
1368½	775	Mountview	1275	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	112	Mucklow (A&J)	162	-6	...	4.2	26.3
70	30	Olives Prop	65	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	2	...	...	...	...
191	88	PSIT	164	-2	4.3	3.0	36.5
399	138	Peel	378	-2	4.3	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	41	...	...	...	11.7
63	33	Raglan	49½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Regalian	35½	-½	...	...	...
165	110	Rowlinson Secs	150	...	1.5	1.2	18.7
64	16	St Modwen Prp	57	...	1.0	2.2	...
78	39	Savile Grdn (J)	73	...	...	4.6	36.4
100	39	Savills	81	-1	...	2.7	32.1
108	37½	Scot Met	97	-1	...	1.9	...
135	39	Shaftesbury	134	...	...	...	...
19½	5	Shield	12	...	...	...	6.5
390	139½	Slough Estates	266	+5	...	3.8	18.5
60	56	Southend Prop	93	-2	...	2.2	...
58	16	Stanhope Prps	40	-1	...	...	...
244	114	Tops Ests	243	-1	2.1	1.1	...
163	79	Town Centre	156	...	...	2.7	28.3
107	43	Trafford Park	105	...	...	3.3	24.2
56	17	UK Land	40	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
317	180	Warner	310	-1	...	4.4	27.5
299	168	Warnford	249	...	7.5	3.8	18.0
8	2	Waterglade	3	...	...	...	...
104	34	Wates	97	...	...	...	...
105	40	Wood John D	101	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	11	Automagic	33	...	...	1.7	49.7
221	84	Headlam	220	...	13.2	4.1	9.8
500	285	Lambert	400	-2	1.5	3.0	18.0
100	44	Pittards	63	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	...	...	...	...
250	89	Stylo	247	-1	...	1.5	...
67	53	UK Safety	66	-1	...	4.9	2.2

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	409	Allied Text	606	-1	12.9	2.7	...
71	54	Beckman (A)	66	...	...	6.8	14.1
41	21	Bolton Gp	32	-1	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	208	...	8.5	5.1	19.5
68	15	Chanwell	60	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	359	-2	7.5	2.6	22.4
601	449	Courtauld Text	557	-4	13.9	3.2	14.7
53½	20	Cupid	32	...	...	...	...
248½	124	Dawson	158	+3	...	6.0	12.0
47	22	Drummond	33	...	...	...	...
89	65	Fanpel	78	...	4.3	7.9	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	28	...	...	...	...
168	82	Gaskell	166	...	4.2	3.2	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	237	...	...	2.2	16.8
90	45	Jerome (S)	61	-1	...	0.4	...
485	249	Lamont	484	...	12.0	3.1	32.0
343½	235½	Leeds	337	...	...	2.1	17.8
122	73	Lyles (S)	93	...	...	4.4	...
215	99	Magellan	165	...	1.4	1.1	...
300	77½	Parkland	260	-1	...	0.8	...
112	82	Readicut	106½	-½	...	4.0	20.1
70	35	SEET	63	+2	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	142	...	...	4.7	9.6
72	41	Stirling Gp	61	...	1.9	3.9	16.9
51	35	Stoddard	46	...	...	4.1	42.8
330	250	Tomkinsons	325	...	...	4.4	27.6
59	30	West Trust	45	-1	...	7.5	...
280	126	Yorklyde	265	...	...	2.5	17.4

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	475	+4	...	5.0	14.3
495	315½	Rothmans	436	+3	...	3.6	13.7

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
627	549	Assoc Br Ports	593	-20	...	1.8	...
1080	707	BAA	988	+11	...	2.1	24.5
126	106	Bangertine	121	-1	...	4.2	14.3
496½	259	Br Airways	446	-5	...	3.0	18.7
113	56	Clarkson (H)	97	...	1.7	2.3	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	536	-2	...	...	...
87	44	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	22.8
293	147	IoM Steam	287	+2	...	3.7	15.0
55	24	Jacobs (II)	50	...	0.5	1.3	...
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	109	...	...	1.2	32.0
534	264	Mersey Docks	494	+3	9.0	2.4	...
292	161	Natl Express	275	...	...	3.2	29.4
391	218	NFC	257	+1	...	3.4	39.5
349	244	Ocean Group	318	...	...	5.6	...
91	40	Ocean Wilson	83	...	4.0	6.0	15.0
728	504	P & O Dfd	673	-10	...	5.7	36.5
194	127	P & O 5½%	156	+1	...	4.4	...
705	448	Powell Duffryn	665	+1	...	4.2	21.2
241	117	Seacrna	233	...	5.7	3.1	...
206	112	Stagecoach	193	-1	...	2.5	23.5
11½	3½	TNT	11½	-4½	...	...	...
915	624	Tibbet & Britn	585	...	12.6	1.8	33.9
382	37	Tiphook	52	-3	...	...	...
327	227	TDG	314	+2	...	3.8	10.4
132	95	Upland	131	...	...	...	...

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	530	-5	...	5.1	9.4
365	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	363	-1	...	3.7	13.4
701	547	Northumbrian	650	-19	...	4.4	7.7
611	431½	North West	547	-6	...	5.0	9.0
645	439	Severn Trent	575	-1	...	4.7	8.4
685	454	Sthrn Water	585	-11	...	4.7	8.5
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1588	...	49.5	3.5	11.3
675	465	South West	590	-4	...	5.2	9.5
611	454	Thames Water	562	...	...	4.9	9.7
744	506	Welsh Water	675	-10	...	4.5	6.8
750½	536	Wessex Water	665	-8	...	4.2	10.6
630	473½	Yorkshire W	550	-7	...	5.0	9.1

Source: Finsta.

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
109	101	Exch 13¼% 1994	101	-⅟₁₆	13.32	5.06
105	101	Treas 10% 1994	101	-⅟₁₆	9.86	4.90
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	103	...	12.06	4.86
105	102	Treas 9% 1994	102	...	8.75	4.95
111	106	Treas 12% 1995	106	...	11.30	4.93
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.06	4.95
109	106	Exch 10¼% 1995	106	-⅟₁₆	9.60	5.18
116	112	Treas 12¾% 1995	112	-⅟₁₆	11.38	5.35
120	114	Treas 14% 1996	115	-⅟₁₆	12.16	5.49
125	119	Treas 15¼% 1996	119	-⅟₁₆	12.77	5.67
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	115	-⅛	11.47	5.67
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	110	+⅟₁₆	9.09	5.95
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	118	+⅟₁₆	11.16	6.09
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	+⅛	9.40	6.12
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	...	8.11	6.20
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	127	+⅟₁₆	11.72	6.31
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	+⅟₁₆	8.75	6.37
106	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	+⅟₁₆	7.02	6.32
102	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.64	5.29
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	-⅛	11.04	6.63
140	133	Treas 15½% 1998	135	+⅟₁₆	11.46	6.47
129	118	Exch 12% 1998	121	+⅛	9.89	6.65
116	108	Treas 9½% 1999	112	+⅟₁₆	8.48	6.56

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	97	Treas 6% 1999	98	+⅟₁₆	6.12	6.42
128	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	+⅟₁₆	9.93	6.74
121	112	Treas 10½% 1999	116	+⅟₁₆	9.01	6.69
121	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	116	+⅛	8.81	6.74
116	106	Conv 9% 2000	111	+⅟₁₆	8.10	6.69
136	125	Treas 13% 2000	130	+⅟₁₆	9.95	6.94
106	97	Treas 7% 2001	100	+⅟₁₆	6.94	6.83
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	116	+⅟₁₆	8.60	6.99
123	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	116	+⅟₁₆	8.37	7.13
123	108	Treas 8% 2003	106	+⅟₁₆	7.51	7.01
113	97	Treas 10% 2003	119	+⅛	8.39	7.15
127	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	123	+⅟₁₆	9.31	7.17
139	116	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79	+⅟₁₆	4.41	6.23
86	67	Treas 6¾% 2004	98	+⅛	6.88	6.99
105	97	Conv 9½% 2004	117	+⅛	8.12	7.17
125	105	Conv 9½% 2005	117	+⅟₁₆	8.09	7.19
125	105	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135	+⅟₁₆	9.26	7.38
143	124	Treas 8% 2002-06	104	+⅛	7.63	7.21
111	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	104	+⅛	7.40	7.17
112	94	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128	+⅟₁₆	9.16	7.35
136	118	Treas 8½% 2007	110	+⅟₁₆	7.67	7.20
119	97	Treas 13½% 2004-08	142	+⅛	9.45	7.39
151	131	Treas 9% 2008	115	+⅛	7.77	7.22
124	101	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	92	Treas 8% 2009	106	+⅛	7.49	7.24
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	117	+⅛	7.68	7.23
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	117	+⅛	7.64	7.23
94	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84	+⅛	6.51	7.00
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105	+⅛	7.35	7.18
117	93	Treas 8% 2013	108	+⅛	7.40	7.21
159	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	147	+1⅛	8.15	7.41
128	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	117	+1⅛	7.43	7.17

UNDATED

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	38	War Ln 3½%	48	+⅛	7.20	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	33	+⅛	7.50	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
137	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	137	...	...	...
204	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	-⅛	1.33	2.37
117	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	-⅛	1.80	2.50
176	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	171	-⅛	2.48	2.67
173	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	167	...	2.70	3.02
118	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	113	+⅟₁₆	2.80	3.10
184	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	175	...	2.86	3.10
168	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	158	...	3.07	3.28
175	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	164	+⅛	3.10	3.29
146	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	+⅛	3.14	3.32
157	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145	+⅛	3.19	3.35
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	140	+⅛	3.23	3.37
129	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118	-⅛	3.22	3.35
128	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117	+⅛	3.24	3.37

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Psychologist could offer golden key to Tout's Olympic ambitions

Maverick learning to be team man

Mark Tout speaks to **David Miller** about coming to terms with his responsibilities

JÜRGEN SCHWARZ



Britain's No 1 team of Tout, Farrell, Wing and Paul get a feel of the course before the start of the four-man bob competition

Peter Terry, a sports psychologist and senior lecturer at the West London Institute, has helped straighten out Mark Tout, driver of Britain's No 1 four-man bobsleigh team. If Tout, competing in his fourth Olympic Games, can also get the curves right at approaching 100mph, Britain could be celebrating a medal some time tomorrow.

Tout, whose army career has two days to run before he has to decide, at 33, what to do with the rest of his life, is a sandy-haired former decathlon competitor, inside whom a *wild man is striving to get out*. In the past, when that happened, Tout's belligerent, insensitive manner would leave team-spirit disrupted, if not non-existent.

Terry, who is consultant also to the Lawn Tennis Association, has been helping Tout, an outstanding driver in the split-second business of choosing a line at 90 degrees to the vertical, cage his temperamen-



Tout: temperamental

tal instincts. A consequence of that has been that a month ago, Tout and his crew — George Farrell, Jason Wing, and Lennie Paul — won the silver medal at the European championships. And they were angry that a starting error on the second run had prevented them taking the title. *They* led the *World Cup* rankings at the end of the year.

"Peter's been teaching me how to treat the team," Tout says, as though he were admitting to the sudden discovery of fellow humans, but wholly without self-consciousness. There is that Ridgway/Blyth feel about him, the sort of quality needed to row the Atlantic and not notice the water.

"It's a difficult life," Tout concedes. Four highly-strung, *highly-motivated individuals* grouped together, training, travelling, eating, racing, for five months on end. It does not take long for offence between any two, especially if things are not going well, to happen as easily and suddenly as a sneeze.

"In the past, I was bad at it [leading the team]," Tout admits. "Peter has been teaching me the old rule: take ten seconds before you open your mouth. One wrong word at the *wrong moment*, and the whole mountain can crumble."

When he started, in 1984, Tout was brake-man at the Sarajevo Games, then became driver for Calgary in 1988, finishing twelfth in the four-man. By Albertville, in 1992, that improved to seventh, though in fact this was a keen disappointment after hopes of a medal. There had been undercurrents of friction.

"Between '84 and '88, I'd irritated a lot of people, didn't treat them right," Tout says. "Lennie [Paul] and I had fallen out. I was difficult, sure, but we didn't have the necessary financial and back-up support. I was 24 or 25, and headstrong. If there's one piece missing from the jigsaw in this game, the picture is lost."

For the first time, the team of two four-man bobs has its own mechanic, hired for the fortnight from the Dresden factory where the top sleds are manufactured, and which for so long led to East German dominance.

In the final training on Thursday, Tout and his men had the third-fastest time on both practice runs, where medals can be decided by thousandths of a second. In Tout's estimation, there are five contenders for the gold medal: the No 1 bob of Germany (driver Hoppe), Switzerland (Weder), Austria (Schoesser), Britain, and the German number two (Czudaj). "We have a realistic chance," Tout says. "After all, it's a sport! Here at Lillehammer, on the new run, it's a neutral course; no one has an advantage."

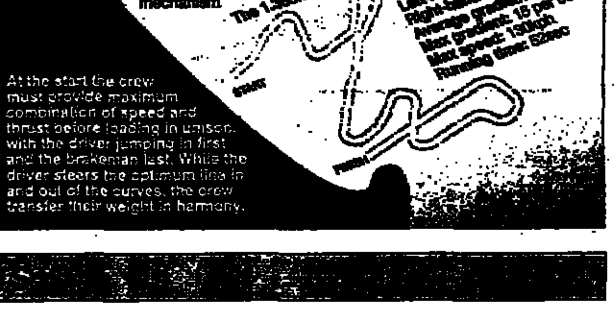
A vital factor in Britain's preparation has been the sponsorship of Zanussi, who have provided half the training budget, so that the team, unusually, has no justifiable complaint on back-up. "But we have no depth in *Britain*," Tout says. "No funds for running six teams."

Even with the present support which they are enjoying, Wing, a PE teacher, is taking a sabbatical, and Paul is unemployed. The four runs, today and tomorrow, for the medals will help determine Tout's future: whether or not to continue for another Games in Nagano. A medal would generate the sponsorship for the basic £35,000 needed for two sleds.

"On a moderate subsistence, I could get by as a bachelor," Tout says. "But I don't want to goback to a student's existence." Iain Sproat, the minister for sport, would know little about such problems. He has not had the time, because of other non-sporting responsibilities, to spend even one of the 16 days here visiting Britain's Olympic team.

CUTTING EDGE: THE FOUR-MAN BOBSLEIGH

Sixth in a series on technology and techniques of the Winter Games



WINTER OLYMPIC RESULTS

MEDALS

	G	S	B	T
Russia	11	7	4	22
Norway	10	11	4	25
Germany	7	7	7	21
Italy	6	3	8	17
United States	6	3	2	11
Canada	3	4	4	11
Switzerland	2	3	2	7
South Korea	2	1	0	3
Austria	1	2	4	7
Japan	1	2	2	5
Sweden	1	1	0	2
Uzbekistan	1	0	0	1
Belorussia	0	2	0	2
Kazakhstan	0	2	0	2
Holland	0	1	3	4
France	0	1	3	4
China	0	1	1	2
Finland	0	0	4	4
Britain	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1
Ukraine	0	0	1	1

ALPINE SKIING

MEN'S COMBINED: Final positions after slalom: 1, L Kjus (Nor) slalom 1min 36.95sec (51.25sec, 49.33sec), downhill 1min 40.58sec, total 3min 17.53sec; 2, K A Aamodt (Nor) 1:37.49 (51.77, 49.29), 1:41.06, 3:18.55; 3, H Christian Nilsen (Nor) 1:39.05 (51.59, 48.50), 1:40.09, 3:19.14; 4, G Mader (Austria) 1:38.46 (52.15, 48.62), 1:40.77, 3:19.23; 5, T Moe (US) 1:37.14 (52.93, 49.34), 1:42.27, 3:19.41; 6, P Accola (Switz) 1:39.41 (50.75, 49.28), 1:40.03, 3:19.44; 7, M Kunc (Slovenia) 1:40.01 (50.88, 48.66), 1:39.54, 3:19.55; 8, F Nyberg (Swe) 1:38.40 (52.56, 49.34), 1:41.90, 3:20.30; 9, M Girardelli (Lux) 1:37.61 (53.35, 49.51), 1:42.86, 3:20.47; 10, J Kosir (Slovenia) 1:42.17 (50.23, 48.18), 1:38.41, 3:20.58;

11, M Revter (Slovenia) 1:38.88 (52.48/49.34), 1:41.80, 3:20.68; 12, S Locher (Switz) 1:39.34 (52.57/49.30), 1:41.87, 3:21.21; 13, T Hellman (Swe) 1:40.25 (52.00/49.48), 1:41.49, 3:21.74; 14, T Barnerssoi (Ger) 1:40.56 (52.23/49.70), 1:41.93, 3:22.49; 15, G Martin (It) 1:38.84 (53.58/50.27), 1:43.85, 3:22.69; 16, K Ghedina (It) 1:38.14 (54.28/50.75), 1:45.03, 3:23.17; 17, M Sulliger (Switz) 1:39.30 (53.61/51.09), 1:44.70, 3:24.00; 18, A Skaardal (Nor) 1:38.18 (54.29/51.81), 1:46.10, 3:24.28; 19, L Popov (Bul) 1:42.41 (52.40/50.23), 1:42.63, 3:25.04; 20, S W Rutene (NZ) 1:41.88 (53.41/50.19), 1:43.60, 3:25.48; 21, M Maria (Fin) 1:45.01 (50.42/50.09), 1:40.51, 3:25.52; 22, J Leskinen (Fin) 1:38.88 (54.47/52.18), 1:46.65, 3:25.53; 23, G Grlic (Slovenia) 1:45.61 (50.97/49.45), 1:40.42, 3:26.03;

24, A Vogt (Liech) 1:38.53 (55.29/52.41), 1:47.70, 3:26.23; 25, J Ubeira (Sp) 1:42.78 (53.17/50.97), 1:44.14, 3:26.92; 26, P Dichev (Bul) 1:42.41 (54.97/51.23), 1:46.20, 3:28.61; 27, M Szafranski (Pol) 1:43.82 (54.95/52.50), 1:47.45, 3:31.27; 28, V Tomas (Sp) 1:44.32 (55.68/51.61), 1:47.29, 3:31.61; 29, A Kolotvine (Kaz) 1:41.14 (58.54/54.91), 1:53.45, 3:34.59; 30, A Bonis (Hun) 1:43.65 (56.85/54.06), 1:50.91, 3:34.76.

BIATHLON

WOMEN'S 4 x 7.5km RELAY: 1, Russia (N Talanova, N Snytina, L Noskova, A Restzova) 1hr 47min 19.5sec, targets missed 0; 2, Germany 1:51:16.5, 6; 3, France 1:52:28.3, 1; 4, Norway 1:54:08.1, 2; 5, Ukraine 1:54:26.5, 3; 6, Belorussia 1:54:55.1, 8; 7, Czech Republic 1:57:00.8, 3; 8, United States 1:57:35.9, 3; 9, Sweden 1:58:07.2, 0; 10, Finland 1:58:55.7, 4.

SKI JUMPING

NORMAL HILL (90km): 1, E Bredesen (Nor) (100.5/104.0) 282.0; 2, L Ottesen (Nor) (102.5/98.,)268.0; 3, D Thoma (Ger) (98.5/102.5)260.5; 4, J Weissflog (Ger) (98.0/96.5) 260.0; 5, N Kasai (Japan) (96.0/93.0) 259.0; 6, J M Soininen (Fin) (95.0/100.5) 258.5; 7, A Goldberger (Austria) (98.0/93.5) 258.0; 8, J Nishikata (Japan) (99.0/94.0) 253.0; 9, T Okabe (Japan) (95.0/95.5) 252.0; 10, C Moser (Austria) (92.0/95.0) 246.0.

SPEED SKATING

WOMEN'S 5,000 METRES: 1, C Pechstein (Ger) 7min 14.37sec; 2, G Niemann (Ger) 7:14.88; 3, H Yamamoto (Japan) 7.19.68; 4, E Belci (It) 7:20.33; 5, S Bazhanova (Russ) 7:22.68; 6, L Prokasheva (Kaz) 7:28.58; 7, C Zijlstra (Holl) 7:29.42; 8, S Hashimoto (Japan) 7:29.79; 9, M Ogasawara (Japan) 7:30.47; 10, A Thomas (Holl) 7:32.39; 11, T De Jong (Holl) 7:38.07; 12, E Hunyady (Austria) 7:38.62; 13, T Trapeznikova (Russ) 7:40.55; 14, C Hordobetiu (Rom) 7:41.65; 15, E Antal (Austria) 7:46.78; 16, I Liepa (Can) 7:49.39.

08.30: Skiing, women's slalom, first run.
09.00: Bobsleigh, four-man first-second run.
12.00: Skiing, women's slalom, second run; Biathlon, men's 4 x 7.5 km relay.
14.00: Ice skating, exhibition.
15.30: Ice hockey, seventh place match.
18.00: Short track speedskating: women's 1,000; men's 500m final and 5,000 relay final.
20.00: Ice hockey, third place match.

BBC1: 11.45-17.15. BBC2: 17.15-20.40.

Something you always wanted to know about sport and sex



SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

It is, perhaps, the oldest conundrum in sport. Does what Graham Greene called "sexual congress" affect, adversely or otherwise, performance in sport? Pre-fight boxers are routinely kept away from all women, lest through female contamination they become civilised.

George Best had the reverse idea: the nearer to kick-off the better for his team, he believed. Good sport and sexual abstinence have long been seen as blood brothers, and thus a compelling aspect of sportsmania in the history of the public schools. The more *overtly libidinous* Sixties propagated an alternative view.

Now this column can report, in tones of lofty scientific detatchment, that a cardiologist called Jean Marc Sztajzel, of Geneva, has been studying the relationship of sexual congress and sporting performance.

He gathered 16 elite sportsmen, from ice hockey, cycling, athletics, weightlifting and football, and set *them to perform* a *measured* task on an ergonometric bike. He then measured their pulses ten minutes after the task had been completed.

The experiment was performed with the athletes two hours after sexual congress, and then after a night of abstinence.

Conclusions: pulses were ten per cent higher after sexual congress, conclusively demonstrating that pre-competition sex has a deleterious effect on an *athlete's* endurance.

Further questions remain to trouble Sztajzel. He believes that sexual congress with a new partner would be even more destructive of endurance, but has said that, alas, such an experiment would be hard to set up.

And also, he wanted to repeat his experiment with female athletes. But he was forbidden — a commission told him that this would be unethical.

Proof positive

This column, however, has incontrovertible proof that sexual congress can affect *the performance of a team*. Last year, Barclay's Bank women's hockey 2nd XI went through the season unbeaten, thereby winning promotion from the third division to the fourth division of the Middlesex league.

This year, they have not won a game — last weekend, they went down 7-0 to Lensbury. The reason? Once again sex rears its comely head.

Drastic team changes have been necessary, a logical extension of the Sztajzel Effect. The back four, plus the goalie, are pregnant.

Sailor beware

And on, then, to the stressful life of pelagic yachties, crossing vast oceans in their tiny hydrodynamic slums. I have on my desk a dispatch from a boat taking part in the Whitbread Round the World Race. The Swiss Ocean Racing Club informs me: "The major concern aboard *Merit Cup* is caused by Dede (Andre Loepfe), who is ill suffering from a strong influenza. The doctor is trying to get him back in good condition before they reach the very cold southern latitudes. But he is even more worried to avoid contamination of other crew members. And those who know about the promiscuity below deck aboard such a racing yacht will realise that he is facing a tough challenge!" The exclamation mark is Swiss. The crew must read the report from their compatriot, Sztajzel, urgently.

Birthright?

What Switzerland is to the sports of open ocean, Greece and Armenia are to the frozen hell of winter sports. Congratulations, then, to Greece, for their first entries in Olympic competitons for women's luge and two-man bob. The story would be better if the Greek competitors did not include Greta and Gregory Sebald, who dwell in the boreal chills of St Paul in Minnesota. The Armenian bob team includes Ken Topolian of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Joe Almasian, of Sherborn, Massachusetts. The Sebalds are of Greek descent; the alleged Armenians have appropriate grand parentage. British ski-jumpers, however, may not take part in the Olympic Games. Sport is not about the winning, it is about fiddling your qualification.

Cash splash

Finally, a plea for help lands on my desk. Caroline Smith, student of Manchester Metropolitan University, swimming teacher and pool lifeguard, has proved her insanity by swimming a length of Ullswater (seven and a half miles) and Windermere (ten and a half miles).

Now she wants to swim the Channel this summer, and to raise cash for Marie Curie Cancer Care. But she needs lolly — £900 for the pilot boat just for starters. If anybody wants to help out, I will pass them on to the intrepid *Smith*.

Hacking to make up for tardy start

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

PAUL Hacking, the leading point-to-point rider in the South East, has made a disappointing start to the season, having registered a solitary success on Yeoman Farmer at Barbury Castle. However, he should improve his tally at the **Mid Surrey Farmers** meeting at Charing today, when he has three *certain rides and, possibly*, five in all.

Unhurt by his fall on Toustari in a hunter chase at Folkestone on Wednesday, Hacking looks sure of at least one success, on Magical Mor*ris* in the Farmers' race. This represents a drop in class from the two opens in which he has been placed this season.

Gunner Jim, who had the unusual programme of open race, maiden and hunter chase in his three appearances last year, also looks to have an easier task when contesting division one of the maiden. This looks a better chance for Hacking than Linger Belinda in the other division, where I prefer Greybury Lane.

Clare Man, whom many believe to be the best maiden winner for years, misses the members' at the **Harborough Hunt Club** to run in either The Times Rising Stars qualifier at Nottingham on Tuesday or *in a maiden hunter* chase at Leicester the following week. Bright As A Button can take advantage of his absence today.

More horses are working through the system into intermediate class and the **Mendip Farmers** has had to split its race with an original entry of 42. Alison Dare looks to have a fine chance on Strobe Light in *the second division*.

With three open maidens, the **Windsor Forest** is likely to tempt Sheila Crow to make the long journey to Tweseldown from Shropshire. Included in the horsebox will be Equity Player who will take a deal of beating in the open. Many punters will be queuing to back Tim McCarthy's Not Quite White in the final race. Alan Coe should get backers off to a good start aboard Manor Mieo in the members at the **Essex Farmers**.

The Berwickshire (possibly re-scheduled for mid-week), **Bolventor** (later in the season) and **Pembrokeshire** (next Saturday) have been postponed. **The Sinnington** is in doubt.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Essex Farmers, Marks Tey, 5m west of Colchester (first race 12.30); Harborough Hunts Club, Dingley, 2m E of Market Harborough (12.30); Mendip Farmers, Castle of Comfort, 6m N of Wells (12.00); Mid Surrey Farmers, Charing, 6m NE of Ashford (12.30); North Herefordshire, Whitwick, 7m NE of Hereford (12.00); Sinnington, Duncombe Park, 5m NW of Beverley (11.45); Windsor Forest, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (12.00).

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
2.05 Anorak. 2.35 Exhibit Air. 3.10 Invocation. 3.45 Kovalevskia. 4.20 Palacegate Jo. 4.50 Ewald.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

2.05 LYNN SPAULDING MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES *(£3,319: 1m) (11 runners)*

1 (6) 3003 ANORAK 7 P Haslam 4-9-0 J Weaver 80
2 (5) 0/0- COMBRIO STAR 16J (B) C Mann 4-9-0 L Dettori —
3 (7) 000- GARRY'S CHOICE 95 B Smart 5-9-0 E Guest 60
4 (4) 60-5 GRANVILLE CORNER 11 B McMath 4-9-0 E Johnson 61
5 (10) 6/-2 HARRY 21 P Kelleway 4-9-0 Paul Eddery 72
6 (2) 430- KELLY MAC 166 M Channon 4-9-0 A Tucker 79
7 (3) 20- SECRET ALY 273 C Brittain 4-9-0 B Doyle (3) [illegible]
8 (1) 5552 SHARP IMP 7 (B) R Flower 4-9-0 N Varley (7) 52
9 (8) 00-4 ANNYBAN 19 R Hollinshead 4-8-9 S Perks 72
10 (11) 2402 ARAWA 28 D Marks 4-8-9 M Hills 72
11 (9) 045- HOPEFUL PROSPECT 187 S Williams 4-8-9 J Tate (5) 66

6-4 Secret Aly, 5-2 Anorak, 4-1 Harry, 6-1 Kelly Mac, 12-1 Arawa, 20-1 Annyban, Granville Corner, 25-1 Hopeful Prospect, 33-1 Sharp Imp, 50-1 Combrio Star, Garry's Choice.

2.35 MERLIN CLAIMING STAKES (£2,377: 1m 4f) (4)

1 (4) 6/4- AT PEACE 25J (C,G) J White 8-9-0 K Rutter (5) —
2 (1) 1043 EXHIBIT AIR 7 (B,C,F,G) R Hannon 4-8-10 L Dettori [illegible]
3 (3) /00- HATTA SUNSHINE 240 A Moore 4-8-9 N Adams 62
4 (2) -012 SPECIAL RISK 28 (C,G) R Akehurst 4-8-9 Paul Eddery 84

4-7 Exhibit Air, 3-1 Special Risk, 7-1 At Peace, 15-2 Hatta Sunshine.

3.10 SPARROW HAWK HANDICAP (£4,752: 7f) (11)

1 (7) 324- YOUNG MOON 179 (D,G) R Hanns 6-10-0 V Smith 97
2 (5) 1-11 ASHGORE 7 (D,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-9 J Weaver 95
3 (8) -236 INVOCATION 14 (CD,G) A Moore 7-9-4 N Adams [illegible]
4 (10) 422- DOMICKSKY 112 (CD,F,G,S) M Channon 6-9-1 R Painter (7) 96
5 (9) -026 FIGHTING TEMERAIRE 11 (BF) C Wall 5-8-11 L Dettori 94
6 (5) 3-50 NASHAAT 14 (F) N Walker 6-8-10 D Gibbs (7) 91
7 (11) 00-2 SILKY SIREN 14 (D,F,G) B Meehan 5-8-8 S Whitworth 97
8 (4) 010- SHEPHERD MARKET 151 (F) R Armstrong 3-8-4 R Price 90
9 (1) 601- DOWN D ISLANDS 117 (D,F,G) R Hannon 3-8-2 A Whelan (7) 90
10 (3) 00-4 CAMDEN'S RANSOM 7 (C,F,G) C Wildman 7-8-0 C Rutter 94
11 (2) 4-22 WORLD TRAVELLER 18 (B,C,G) W O'Gorman 3-7-13 Paul Eddery 96

11-4 Ashgore, 6-1 Down D Islands, Fighting Temeraire, 7-1 Domicksky, World Traveller, Invocation, Silky Siren, Young Moon, 10-1 others.

3.45 OSPREY HANDICAP (£3,002: 2m) (12)

1 (8) 1061 SLIGHT RISK 7 (C,G) P Kelleway 5-10-0 Paul Eddery 90
2 (12) 00-5 DIME BAG 32 (CD,G) J Edwards 5-10-0 M Hills 89
3 (7) 051- POINCIANA 237 (F) R Hannon 5-9-5 L Dettori 87
4 (11) 5-26 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 42 (CD,G) S Dow 4-9-5 D Harrison 89
5 (10) 2312 MILNGAVIE 7 (BF,CD,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-4 J Weaver 90
6 (5) -544 STRAT'S LEGACY 11 (C,F,G) D Arbuthnot 7-9-4 R Price 94
7 (3) 20-6 AUDE LA BELLE 7 (CD,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-8-12 A Mackay [illegible]
8 (4) 1-44 RAGTIME SONG 11 (CD,F,G) A Moore 5-8-10 N Adams 90
9 (9) /0-3 BELLEZZA 42 A Moore 7-8-0 J Quinn 87
10 (2) 4245 KOVALEVSKIA 3J (C,D,F,G,S) D Wilson 9-7-7 G Bardwell 93
11 (6) -660 MR JAZZ DANCER 14 (B) D Wintle 4-7-7 D Wright (5) 84
12 (1) -060 *TOP GUNNER 11 J Long 4-7-7 Kim McDonnell* —

5-1 Milngavie, 11-2 Slight Risk, Aude La Belle, 11-2 Kovalevskia, 7-1 Dime Bag, 8-1 Poinciana, Strat's Legacy, 10-1 Ragtime Song, Sir Thomas Beecham, 12-1 Bellezza, 33-1 others.

4.20 HARRIER STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,467: 6f) (7)

1 (4) 00-5 BATON BLEU 7 P Howling 9-0 Paul Eddery 77
2 (2) 2235 MONSIEUR PETONG 4 M Channon 9-0 R Painter (7) 88
3 (3) 6-24 *AMAZING NEWS 7 M Campion 8-9 M Hills* 90
4 (1) 300- BANDITA 131 Miss A Whitfield 8-9 Dale Gibson 80
5 (7) 32-1 CAPPUCHINO 42 (C,G) W O'Gorman 8-9 L Dettori 98
6 (6) -323 GRANNIAS DELIGHT 12 (BF) K Ivory 8-9 J Weaver 91
7 (5) 4141 PALACEGATE JO 7 (D,G,S) J Berry 8-9 J Carroll [illegible]

5-2 Cappuchino, 3-1 Amazing News, 7-2 Palacegate Jo, 9-2 Grannias Delight, 5-1 Monsieur Petong, 12-1 Baton Bleu, 33-1 Bandita.

4.50 BARN OWL HANDICAP (£3,319: 5f) (10)

1 (2) 360- CRECHE 70 (B,CD,G) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-0 Dean McKeown 96
2 (10) 3-31 RUNNING GLIMPSE 11 (C,D,F,G) Miss B Sanders 6-10-0 D Wright (5) 97
3 (1) 01-3 RHYTHMIC DANCER 25 (CD,F,G) J Spearing 6-9-12 A Mackay 97
4 (8) 1313 CROFT IMPERIAL 11 (CD,F,G,S) M Johnston 7-9-9 J Weaver 96
5 (9) -456 *ANOTHER EPISODE 28 (V,CD,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-4* J Carroll 88
6 (7) -631 TEE-EMM 28 (CD,G) P Howling 4-8-6 Paul Eddery [illegible]
7 (6) 12-6 PHONEAHOLIC 33 (B,CD,G) B Meehan 3-8-6 B Doyle (3) 94
8 (9) 00-3 EWALD 25 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 6-8-5 L Dettori 98
9 (4) 1300 HIRARI VIDEO 5 (CD,G,S) M Johnston 9-7-13 T Williams 91
10 (3) -060 CHRISTOPH'S GIRL 14 (F,G) Allan Smith (Bel) 5-7-7 G Bardwell 84

3-1 Running Glimpse, 4-1 Rhythmic Dancer, 5-1 Croft Imperial, 6-1 Another Episode, 13-2 Ewald, 7-1 Phoneaholic, 8-1 Creche, 10-1 Hirari Video, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Walker, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; J Berry, 15 from 61, 24.6%; R Hollinshead, 16 from 70, 22.9%; M Johnston, 24 from 111, 21.6%; W O'Gorman, 34 from 158, 21.5%; D Arbuthnot, 11 from 63, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 41 winners from 123 rides, 33.3%; J Weaver, 15 from 63, 23.8%; Dean McKeown, 29 from 148, 19.6%; M Hills, 29 from 180, 16.1%; J Carroll, 3 from 19, 15.8%; Paul Eddery, 16 from 133, 12.0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 3.45: Mr Jazz Dancer, 4.50: Another Episode.

THUNDERER
2.10 Cunninghams Ford. 2.40 Run Up The Flag. 3.15 Avonburn. 3.45 Dark Den. 4.20 Corner Boy. 4.50 Rejoinus. 5.20 Spring Call.

GOING: SOFT (7.15AM INSPECTION)

2.10 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,896: 2m 3f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 3101 CUNNINGHAMS FORD 18 (F,S) O Sherwood 6-11-10 Mr A Harvey (7)
2 2-02 BANCHORY 21 M W Easterby 5-11-0 M Dwyer
3 32P3 CZAR NICHOLAS 16 R Marvin 5-11-0 W Worthington
4 06-0 GOING PUBLIC 22 P Cheesbrough 7-11-0 K Johnson
5 RUSTY PLUMBER J Wainwright 6-11-0 P Midgley (5)
6 3235 SCRABO VIEW 10 J Curtis 6-11-0 L O'Hara
7 THINK PINK P Beaumont 7-11-0 C Hawkins
8 P0 CHORUS LINE 31 P Beaumont 5-10-9 R Garritty
9 RP MANDY LOUISE 31 A Jarvis 6-10-9 R Greene
10 0-53 *PENNANT COTTAGE 24 P Evans 5-10-9 Leanne Eldredge (7)*

1-2 Cunninghams Ford, 4-1 Banchory, 6-1 Scrabo View, 12-1 Czar Nicholas, Going Public, 14-1 others.

2.40 LINCOLNSHIRE ECHO NOVICES CHASE (£4,663: 2m 6f 110yd) (7)

1 60P3 PRINCE YAZA 21 (F,G,S) J Curtis 7-11-12 L O'Hara
2 2P11 RUN UP THE FLAG 29 (F,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-12 P Hide
3 -528 COUNT SURVEYOR 82 P Cheesbrough 7-11-3 K Johnson
4 355P EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 38 Mrs S Lamyman 11-11-3 D Telfer
5 0-60 MASTER'S CROWN 9F (F,G,S) M Chapman 6-11-3 W Worthington
6 -842 SILVER STICK 25 (F,G,S) M W Easterby 7-11-3 R Garritty
7 0-FP SOUTH STACK 25 (S) Mrs S Smith 8-11-3 Gary Lyons

6-4 Run Up The Flag, 2-1 Silver Stick, 5-1 Count Surveyor, 10-1 Eborneezer's Dream, 12-1 Master's Crown, Prince Yaza, 16-1 South Stack.

3.15 COLIN G R BOOTH TRANSPORT HANDICAP CHASE (£9,085: 3m 1f) (6)

1 U-0P DUNTREE 18 (B,D,G,S) D Nicholson 9-11-10 W Marston
2 4112 CITY KID 21 (G,S) J Gifford 9-11-0 P Hide (3)
3 4-53 ROSS VENTURE 105 (C,D,F,G) L Lungo 9-11-0 T Reed
4 P212 AVONBURN 28 (F,G,S) P Hedger 10-10-13 M Richards
5 4-3R REGAL ESTATE 14 (G,S) P Beaumont 10-10-6 M Dwyer
6 0013 TIM SOLDIER 15 (G,S) M Barraclough 7-10-0 R Garritty

7-4 Avonburn, 2-1 City Kid, 3-1 Ross Venture, 8-1 Duntree, Regal Estate, 16-1 Tim Soldier.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M H Easterby, 23 winners from 68 runners, 33.8%; Mrs M Reveley, 22 from 65, 33.8%; C Thornton, 6 from 21, 28.6%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 28 from 106, 26.4%; P Evans, 4 from 16, 25.0%; P Cheesbrough, 3 from 13, 23.1%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 18 winners from 84 rides, 21.4%; K Johnson, 7 from 33, 21.2%; L O'Hara, 3 from 20, 15%; R Campbell, 4 from 30, 13.3%. Only qualifiers.

3.45 ROSELAND GROUP JUVENILE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £4,955: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 1212 RED MARAUDER 50 (BF,G,S) N Mason 11-7 J Supple
2 11 RUSTY REEL 18 (CD,G,S) I Campbell 11-7 R Campbell
3 621 DARING PAST 15 (S) M Hammond 11-4 G Bradley
4 1 DARK DEN 7 (S) Mrs J Cecil 11-4 T Kent
5 1241 MARROS MILL 9 (S) D Nicholson 11-2 W Marston
6 3232 CALL MY GUEST 15 Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-0 M Dwyer
7 CIRCUS COLOURS 148F Mrs S Smith 11-0 Gary Lyons

7-4 Dark Den, 9-4 Marros Mill, 5-1 Daring Past, 7-1 Call My Guest, 8-1 Red Marauder, 14-1 Rusty Reel, 16-1 Circus Colours.

4.20 VICTOR LUCAS MEMORIAL LONG DISTANCE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,270: 3m) (11)

1 121 CORNER BOY 14 (D,F,S) D Nicholson 7-11-13 W Marston
2 1613 TEXAN BABY 17 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-13 C Llewellyn
3 11 JOHNNY KELLY 35 (S) J J O'Neill 7-11-8 M Dwyer
4 -53P BUCKSHOT 25 J Gifford 6-11-3 P Hide (3)
5 -86P CUMREWS NEPHEW 44 R Brotherton 6-11-3 T Eley (5)
6 0650- EBONY SWELL 389 (G,S) S Campion 13-11-3 P Midgley (5)
7 30-8 NICHOLAS PLANT 28 L Lungo 5-11-3 T Reed
8 R63P SON OF IRIS 32 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-3 J Lonergan (7)
9 0- STONE WARRIOR 381 J Mooney 7-11-3 M Robinson
10 4222 *TALBOT 17 (BF) C Egerton 8-11-3* J Railton
11 0-0 TANAISTE 184F P Evans 5-11-3 Leanne Eldredge (7)

11-4 Corner Boy, 7-2 Texan Baby, 9-2 Johnny Kelly, 5-1 Talbot, 10-1 Buckshot, 14-1 Son of Iris, 16-1 others.

4.50 MARKET RASEN GOLDEN RACING LOTTERY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,678: 2m 4f) (6)

1 -149 REJOINUS 9 (D,S) A Stringer 9-11-10 *R Garritty*
2 -221 RIVER PEARL 14 (D,G,S) L Lungo 9-11-5 T Reed
3 2323 DEEP DECISION 14 (CD,G) P Cheesbrough 8-11-3 K Johnson
4 51F4 CHOICE CHALLANGE 15 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 11-10-13 S Lyons (5)
5 4242 RUPPLES 35 (C,F,G) M Chapman 7-10-7 W Worthington
6 12FP MO ICHI DO 25 (B,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-10-6 T Eley (5)

2-1 River Pearl, 3-1 Deep Decision, Rejoinus, 5-1 Choice Challange, Rupples, 16-1 Mo Ichi Do.

5.20 OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,266: 1m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 CONNAUGHT'S SECRET Mrs D Haine 6-11-3 C Hagan (7)
2 LE MEILLE A Jarvis 5-11-3 R Supple
3 0 OPERA TALENT 7 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3 M Dwyer
4 0 WHOCOMESNATURALLY 77 R Marvin 5-11-3 W Worthington
5 2 SKIDDAW SAMBA 78 Mrs M Reveley 5-10-12 M Herrington (7)
6 0 LINPAC PRESS 17 Ronald Thompson 4-10-7 R Supple
7 SABBAQ Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-7 D Telfer
8 3 SPRING CALL 21 M H Easterby 4-10-7 R Garritty
9 STIR FRY C Thornton 4-10-7 R Campbell
10 MISS TYKE M Chapman 4-10-2 W Worthington
11 SALLY'S PRINCESS Mrs P Barker 4-10-2 S Turner
12 SQUEAKY TOY T Kersey 4-10-2 Susan Kersey

2-1 Skiddaw Samba, 3-1 Spring Call, 4-1 Stir Fry, 8-1 Connaught's Secret, Le Meille, 10-1 Opera Talent, 12-1 others.

□ Darren Biggs's appeal against a four-day riding ban *misfired* yesterday when the Jockey Club increased the suspension to six days.

The Fellow heads chase for rich Kempton rewards

By Julian Muscat

KEMPTON Park today stages the richest day of racing outside the Cheltenham and Aintree festivals when runners in the eight races will compete for a share of prize-money appoaching £200,000. Quality, like the mud, is spread thick on the ground.

As if the five programmed pattern races were not enough, the Sunbury track has greatly benefited from the abandonment of Haydock's scheduled fixture. Consequently, racegoers can look forward to the added bonus of the Greenalls Gold Cup, a significant Grand National trial which has been transferred from the snow-covered Lancashire track.

No less than 13 National candidates are involved in the Greenalls Gold Cup and the Racing Post Chase, the feature race on the card. The latter contest is the springboard chosen by the French trainer, Francois Doumen, for The Fellow's Gold Cup challenge. Doumen also has the Aintree showpiece on The Fellow's agenda.

Missing from the Racing Post Chase is Hawthorn Blaze, the ante-post favourite trained by Martin Pipe. "I am not happy with him," Pipe explained yesterday. "I thought it was in the best interests of everyone concerned that he was withdrawn from the race."

The three-mile test has attracted Romany King, second in the 1992 Grand National and pronounced by his trainer, Toby Balding, as "on course for another good run this year." Balding's string has been in miserable form this season but, true to his nature, he was in an optimistic frame of mind yesterday. "He has been pleasing me immensely," Balding said. "Obviously the National is his target but I'm fully expecting him to finish in the first four at Kempton."

The Greenalls Gold Cup has eight Aintree entries among the 12 runners, notably Moorcroft Boy and Garrison Savannah, the second and third favourites, behind Double Silk, for the National itself. Another prominent Aintree contender is Young Hustler, who carries top weight in this 3½-mile chase. There is clearly much to play for on an afternoon that could yet precipitate a radical overhaul in the Grand National market.

A personal highlight will be the long-awaited reappearance of Remittance Man, the 1992 Queen Mother Champion Chase winner, who clashes with Deep Sensation, successful in the Cheltenham event last year. The ground, which was riding soft yesterday, will not be to Remittance Man's advantage. Nonetheless, his trainer Nicky Henderson, is expecting a prominent showing as he builds the horse up towards Cheltenham.

"I have every intention to run him unless it buckets down overnight," Henderson said yesterday. "He's in super form at home but we have really run out of options because the ground has been so bad. It's almost a case of now or never."

Remittance Man, one of the most exciting jumpers in training, has been beaten only once in his chasing career to date. He suffered that reverse when third, behind The Fellow, in the 1991 King George VI Chase. It remains the only occasion Henderson has started him over three miles.

Among the supporting races, Mysilv has frightened off any meaningful opposition in the Adonis Hurdle. The filly, a hot favourite for the Triumph Hurdle next month, will put herself in line for a £50,000 bonus if she lands this and the Cheltenham prize.

Other horses bound for Cheltenham are Cab On Target, who limbers up in the Rendlesham Hurdle over three miles, and the highly-rated Lord Relic, who has the Gold Cup on his agenda if he impresses in the Pendil Novices' Chase. It promises to be a most informative afternoon.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Cumbrian Challenge
(1.55 Kempton Park)

Next best: Red Marauder
(3.45 Market Rasen)

Market Rasen hopeful

MARKET Rasen's fixture scheduled for this afternoon survived a noon inspection yesterday and hopes are rising that the meeting will be able to go ahead.

Charlie Moore, the clerk of the course, said: "The track is nearly raceable now and it is getting warmer all the time. Sleet and snow are forecast so we will inspect again at 7.15am, but I would say that there is an 80-20 chance that racing will take place."

No problems were reported at Edinburgh yesterday but the clerk of the course, Sam Morshead, warned of an unfavourable overnight forecast.

Haydock Park fell to frost and snow yesterday morning, taking the total of meetings abandoned this season to 63. Nineteen have been lost since the start of last week.

JULIAN HERBERT



Top Spin and Adrian Maguire hold a decisive lead over the last at Kempton

Honest Word warms to task

MARTIN Pipe completed the first part of an anticipated double when he saddled Honest Word for a bloodless victory in the Manor Novices' Chase over three miles at Kempton yesterday (Julian Muscat writes). The second leg involves Lord Relic, in the same ownership as Honest Word and also Cheltenham-bound. He runs at Kempton today.

These two promising horses run in the colours of Hilda Clarke, wife of Stan, proprietor of Uttoxeter and one of three bidders for the United Racecourses tracks. Clarke is unwilling to see both horses clash in the Sun Alliance Chase, but Honest Word has no alternative engagement other than in the novices' staying championship.

He looks a force to be reckoned with, too, after his fourth victory in as many starts over fences although, in truth, he has not accounted for much. Both Hills and Corals rate him a 6-1 shot for Cheltenham.

Of the horse's three-length defeat of Fantus, Pipe said: "He jumps well and he warmed to the task again today. Who knows, he might even prove the better horse."

While Honest Word marches on, Edimbourg's sequence of six victories came to an abrupt end when the Henrietta Knight-trained eight-year-old was unceremoniously pulled up two flights from home in the opening Bedfont Novices' Hurdle. His jockey, Jamie Osborne, sensed the horse was in some physical difficulty and dropped him out of the race. The stewards subsequently ordered a dope test on Edimbourg, but the course vet later reported that the horse had broken a blood vessel. The race was won by Top Spin, whose Cheltenham target is the Coral Cup.

Light Veneer weighted to shine in stamina test

KEMPTON PARK
C4

3.00: Mysilv has a straightforward task in this disappointing turnout. Trained by David Nicholson, this habitual front-runner should have little more than an exercise canter before her assault on the Triumph Hurdle. Victory in both races would secure her a £50,000 bonus. Stable companion Winter Forest should prove a better forecast bet than Legal Artist.

3.35: The inexperienced **Lord Relic** will have to dismiss Monsieur Le Cure with rare authority if he is to challenge for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. That is no foregone conclusion given the continual improvement shown by Monsieur Le Cure this season. However, Lord Relic should get an early lead from his stablemate, In The Navy, and his proven pace should win the day.

4.10: The booking of Richard Dunwoody, the reigning champion, is more than ample compensation for the the fact that **Rough Quest** runs from 3lb out of the handicap. The eight-year-old's narrow Ascot defeat by Dubacilla reads particularly well as The Widget Man, third that day, has since won handsomely at Sandown. Unlike Carbisdale, The Fellow looks well handicapped but his best efforts at this course have come on better ground. The same is true of Docklands Express, twice a previous winner of this race.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Romany King and Gambling Royal are out of form while Cogent, the Hennessy Gold Cup winner, lacks a recent run. Fighting Words, a course and distance winner, may be found wanting in this class and a better each-way prospect is Ryde Again. Having been brought along slowly, he should now be at his best.

4.40: Leading Grand National fancy Moorcroft Boy will relish both the soft ground and the strong pace likely to be set by Merry Master. However, his two recent victories have seen him climb the handicap, so preference is for another proven stayer, **Light Veneer**. Interestingly, the nine-year-old is now 9lb better off with Moorcroft Boy for a five-length Warwick defeat of that rival earlier in the season.

This course does not suit Young Hustler, the ground is against Garrison Savannah, while General Pershing is probably better giving weight to inferior horses. Master Oats has claims but the rest are too far out of the handicap to merit consideration.

JULIAN MUSCAT

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.25 Cab On Target
1.55 Cumbrian Challenge
2.25 Remittance Man
3.00 Mysilv
3.35 Lord Relic
4.10 Ryde Again
4.40 **MASTER OATS** (nap)
5.10 Boyfriend

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.25 RENDLESHAM HURDLE (Grade II: £9,240: 3m 110yd) (5 runners)

101 3/4020-4 BALASANI 70 (F,G) (M Smith) M Pipe 8-11-5 R Dunwoody 92
102 5-33324 BURGOYNE 35 (G) (P Savill) M H Easterby 8-11-5 A Maguire
103 11-2222 CAB ON TARGET 21 (D,BF,F,G,S) (N Hurst) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-5 P Niven 90
104 1/5P/21- TRUTH BE TOLD 389 (S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 10-11-5 D Murphy 88
105 203500 WELSHMAN 14 (C,F,G,S) (B Odom) M Blanshard 8-11-5 D Gallagher 75

BETTING: 13-8 Cab On Target, 5-2 Burgoyne, 3-1 Balasani, 7-1 Welshman, 14-1 Truth Be Told.
1993: BAYDON STAR 6-11-9 R Dunwoody (10-11 fav) D Nicholson 4 ran

1.55 DOVECOTE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £6,520: 2m) (10 runners)

201 20811 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 29 (D,S) (Cumbrian Industrials) M H Easterby 5-11-10 L Wyer 96
202 40-3112 SUPER COIN 36 (D,F,S) (G Brookes) R Lee 6-11-10 A Maguire 81
203 S4-1614 ARCTIC KINSMAN 29 (CD,G,S) (Mrs R Hambro) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-3 C Llewellyn 93
204 24211 BALLET ROYAL 10 (S) (Park Farm Thoroughbreds) G Harwood 5-11-3 M Perrett 85
205 3341-63 BARNA BOY 54 (BF,S) (Lynn Wilson) N Henderson 6-11-3 M A Fitzgerald 80
206 11 JAZILAH 86 (D,G,S) (S Aitken) R Akehurst 6-11-3 G McCourt
207 0U NOTED STRAIN 23 (D Bassett) D Bassett 6-11-3 S Arnold –
208 21 PARADISE NAVY 22 (D,S) (W Gredley) M Pipe 5-11-3 R Dunwoody 82
209 26 SALISONG 8 (J Whyte) John Whyte 5-11-3 N Williamson 62
210 6050 MONAZITE 14 (Albury Racing Ltd) J McConnochie 4-10-7 R Bellamy 75

BETTING: 9-4 Cumbrian Challenge, 7-2 Jazilah, 5-1 Arctic Kinsman, 11-2 Ballet Royal, 13-2 Paradise Navy, 8-1 Super Coin, 12-1 Barna Boy, 33-1 Salisong, Monazite, 200-1 Noted Strain
1993: ROLL A DOLLAR 7-11-7 G Moore (6-1) (D Elsworth) 9 ran

2.25 EMBLEM CHASE (£6,775: 2m) (4 runners)

301 1-22214 DEEP SENSATION 14 (D,F,G,S) (R Eliot) J Gifford 9-12-0 D Murphy 95
302 3111/11- REMITTANCE MAN 459 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Collins) N Henderson 10-12-0 R Dunwoody
303 1-226R3 SPACE FAIR 77 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Osborne House Ltd) R Lee 11-12-0 P Niven 81
304 22-2222 WONDER MAN 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 9-11-7 A Maguire 97

BETTING: 6-4 Remittance Man, 9-4 Deep Sensation, 5-2 Wonder Man, 10-1 Space Fair
1993: EMSEE-H 8-11-0 A Maguire (10-1) F Murphy 4 ran

3.00 ADONIS HURDLE C4
(Grade II: 4-Y-O: £10,184: 2m) (3 runners)

401 121 WINTER FOREST 28 (D,S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) D Nicholson 11-2 J Osborne 85
402 1111 MYSILV 15 (CD,G,S) (Million In Mind Partnership) D Nicholson 11-1 A Maguire
403 112 LEGAL ARTIST 18F (G) (T Bram) N Graham 10-12 D Murphy 78

BETTING: 1-4 Mysilv, 5-1 Winter Forest, 8-1 Legal Artist.
1993: AMAZON EXPRESS 4-10-12 J Osborne (12-1) R Akehurst 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

WINTER FOREST beat subsequently demoted Diwali Dancer head in a 17-runner novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft). MYSILV beat Burnt Imp 7l in a 3-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, heavy). LEGAL ARTIST 6l 2nd of 17 to Mr Geneaology in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: MYSILV

3.35 PENDIL NOVICES CHASE C4
(Grade II: £9,420: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 runners)

501 205-1P2 IN THE NAVY 21 (F,G) (Sir Fitzroy Talbot) M Pipe 8-11-3 J Lower 77
502 11130-1 LORD RELIC 22 (D,S) (Mrs H Clarke) M Pipe 8-11-3 R Dunwoody 97
503 2F4211 MONSIEUR LE CURE 28 (C,G,S) (H Brown) J Edwards 8-11-3 N Williamson
504 1503P0 DARINGLY 38 (G) (Albury Racing Ltd) J McConnochie 5-10-7 R Bellamy –

BETTING: 4-6 Lord Relic, 13-8 Monsieur Le Cure, 8-1 In The Navy, 25-1 Daringly
1993: SMITTON LANE 7-10-12 R Dunwoody (15-8) J Edwards 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

IN THE NAVY 15l 2nd of 8 to Coonawara in a novice chase at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). LORD RELIC beat Sun Surfer a distance in a 6-runner novice chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). MONSIEUR LE CURE beat Well Briefed 3l in a 10-runner novice handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft).
DARINGLY 47l 9th of 16 to Cheryls Pet in a novice handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good)
Selection: LORD RELIC

4.10 RACING POST CHASE C4
(Handicap: Grade III: £29,700: 3m) (16 runners)

601 545-333 THE FELLOW 61 (B,CD,BF,G,S) (Marquesa de Moratalla) F Doumen 9-11-13 A Kondrat 94
602 1411-30 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 61 (CD,F,G,S) (R Baines) K Bailey 12-11-8 N Williamson 98
603 112F-21 COGENT 91 (C,F,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Glover 10-11-5 D Fortt (5) 87
604 43P-142 LATENT TALENT 70 (B,CD,G,S) (C Heath) S Sherwood 10-10-11 J Osborne 86
605 4305-36 ROMANY KING 28 (D,G,S) (U Schwarzenbach) G Balding 10-10-10 Richard Guest 91
606 2-311P1 CARBISDALE 28 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Williams) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-10 P Niven 92
607 21F-P42 RYDE AGAIN 16 (D,F,G,S) (Miss J Hayward) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-10 G Bradley
608 522U14 ANTONIN 35 (F,G,S) (M Stanners) Mrs S Bramall 6-10-9 J Burke (5) 97
609 5U0-1P5 GAMBLING ROYAL 35 (CD,G,S) (Roach Foods Limited) D Nicholson 11-10-9 A Maguire 85
610 PP2-624 SPARKLING FLAME 22 (CD,G) (R Shaw) N Henderson 10-10-2 M A Fitzgerald 82
611 4114/3P TOBY TOBIAS 28 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 12-10-2 I Lawrence –
612 34-2331 FIGHTING WORDS 60 (CD,F,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 8-10-1 D Murphy 96
613 44/2-622 ROUGH QUEST 17 (G) (A Wates) T Etherington 8-10-0 R Dunwoody 94
614 3063-22 ELFAST 14 (F,G,S) (J Webber) J Webber 11-10-0 G McCourt 87
615 23511-1 SOLIDASAROCK 100 (D,F,G,S) (L Randall) R Akehurst 12-10-0 M Perrett 79
616 P-P2312 GHOFAR 9 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Sir H Dundas) D Elsworth 11-10-0 P Holley 80

Long handicap: Rough Quest 9-11, Elfast 9-11, Solidasarock 9-6, Ghofar 8-10

BETTING: 9-2 Rough Quest, 11-2 Fighting Words, 6-1 Carbisdale, 7-1 Ryde Again, 8-1 Antonin, 10-1 The Fellow, Cogent, 12-1 Docklands Express, 14-1 Gambling Royal, 20-1 Latent Talent, 25-1 others.
1993: ZETA'S LAD 10-10-10 J White (11-1) J Upson 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE FELLOW 10l 3rd of 10 to Barton Bank in the grade I King George VI Tripleprint Chase over course and distance (good) with DOCKLANDS EXPRESS (5lb better off) 40l 7th.
COGENT beat Cahervillahow 2½l in 9-runner grade III Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup Handicap Chase at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, good)
LATENT TALENT 6l 2nd of 8 to Young Hustler in a valuable handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good to soft) with FIGHTING WORDS (same terms) 12l 3rd.
CARBISDALE beat Avonburn 10l in a valuable 10-runner handicap chase at Doncaster (3m, good to soft). RYDE AGAIN 3l 2nd of 5 to Garrison Savannah in a conditions chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to soft).
ANTONIN beat Rathvinden House 12l in a valuable handicap chase at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, soft) with GAMBLING ROYAL (7lb better off) pulled up before 4 out. FIGHTING WORDS beat Dublin Flyer 3½l in a 5-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft)
ROUGH QUEST ½l 2nd of 8 to Dubacilla in a valuable handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, soft). ELFAST ½l 2nd of 6 to Deep Sensation in a conditions chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to soft) with TOBY TOBIAS (6lb worse off) ½l 3rd
Selection: FIGHTING WORDS (nap)

4.40 GREENALLS GOLD CUP C4
(Handicap chase: £22,159: 3m 4f 110yd) (13 runners)

1 221423 YOUNG HUSTLER 21 (BF,F,G,S) (G MacEchern) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-7 C Llewellyn 93
2 2-23401 GARRISON SAVANNAH 16 (G,S) (Autofour Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-12 G Bradley 92
3 346142 GENERAL PERSHING 14 (BF,F,G,S) (J Potter) G Richards 8-10-10 N Doughty 94
4 22-2211 MOORCROFT BOY 42 (G,S) (K Manley) D Nicholson 9-10-3 A Maguire 96
5 12/1121 MASTER OATS 31 (G,S) (P Matthews) K Bailey 8-10-2 N Williamson
6 1P-4114 LIGHT VENEER 78 (BF,F,G,S) (L Jones) Mrs M Jones 9-10-0 D Gallagher 89
7 P-32135 ALL JEFF 42 (B,F,G,S) (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 10-10-0 DOUBTFUL 93
8 P-64203 FIDDLERS PIKE 21 (S) (Mrs R Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 13-10-0 Mrs R Henderson 89
9 0-32213 SOUTHERN MINSTREL 28 (F,G,S) (B Hathaway) P Cheesbrough 11-10-0 B Powell 97
10 2-26F25 MERRY MASTER 22 (F,G,S) (G Lansbury) R Armytage 10-10-0 Gee Armytage 87
11 51-P212 AVONBURN 28 (F,G,S) (H Spooner) P Hedger 10-10-0 2nd pmt 79
12 223P-02 GLENBROOK D'OR 18 (G,S) (T Leadbeater) A J Wilson 10-10-0 B Clifford 81
13 P24-516 DIAMOND FORT 31 (F,G,S) (Mrs R Stocks) J McConnochie 9-10-0 S McNeill 78

Long handicap: Light Veneer 9-12, All Jeff 9-11, Fiddlers Pike 9-6, Southern Minstrel 9-8, Merry Master 9-6, Avonburn 9-0, Glenbrook D'Or 8-11, Diamond Fort 8-4.

BETTING: 11-4 Moorcroft Boy, 7-2 Master Oats, 5-1 Light Veneer, 6-1 Young Hustler, 8-1 Garrison Savannah, 10-1 Southern Minstrel, 12-1 General Pershing, 16-1 Merry Master, 20-1 Avonburn, 33-1 others
1993: PARTY POLITICS 9-11-7 C Llewellyn (16-1) N Gaselee 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG HUSTLER 5l 3rd of 5 to Second Schedual in grade II Agfa Diamond Handicap Chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, soft)
GARRISON SAVANNAH beat Ryde Again 3l in a 5-runner conditions chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good to soft)
GENERAL PERSHING 4l 2nd of 6 to Kibula Chief in a handicap chase at Ayr (3m 1f, good to soft)
MOORCROFT BOY beat Chatam 3l in a 9-runner handicap chase at Warwick (3m 5f, heavy) with ALL JEFF (6lb better off) 7½l 5th and FIDDLERS PIKE (3lb better off) 20l 7th. MASTER OATS beat Fiddlers Three 2l in a 7-runner handicap chase at Lingfield (3m, heavy) with DIAMOND FORT (13lb worse off) 28l 6th
LIGHT VENEER 8½l 4th of 8 to Flashing Steel in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good) SOUTHERN MINSTREL 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Waterloo Boy in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft) AVONBURN 10l 2nd of 10 to Carbisdale in a handicap chase at Doncaster (3m, good to soft) with GENERAL PERSHING (15lb better off) 16½l 4th
Selection: YOUNG HUSTLER

5.10 KEMPTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,763: 2m) (22 runners)

1 1 CALLISOE BAY 143 (G) (R Waters) O Sherwood 5-12-3 Mr J Durkan –
2 35 ACE PLAYER 35 (BF) (R Michaelson) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-10 S Fox (7) –
3 0 BECKFORD 80 (Miss A Gibson Fleming) N Gaselee 5-11-10 Mr R Griffiths (7) –
4 CRACKING IDEA (A Parker) J Edwards 6-11-10 R Davis (3) –
5 0 GLENSIM 18 (Serious Damage Partners) G Balding 5-11-10 N Collum (7) –
6 GOING AROUND (MEP Partners) K Bailey 6-11-10 A Thornton (3) –
7 0 KING LUCIFER 28 (Mrs A Dawes) D Nicholson 5-11-10 M Keighley (7) –
8 MERRY BENVILLE (P Frost) R Hodges 6-11-10 T Thompson (7) –
9 PUNTERS OVERHEAD (J Hutchinson) M Pipe 6-11-10 L Reynolds (7) –
10 0 SECOND SLIP 21 (Mrs Y Spinks) N Tinkler 5-11-10 E Husband (5) –
11 SEXTON GREY (G Meadows) P Hobbs 5-11-10 N Parker (7) –
12 3 THE PADRE 38 (T Shrimpton) Miss H Knight 5-11-10 J McCarthy (3) –
13 WARNER FOR SPORT (Terry Warner Sports) P Hobbs 5-11-10 Mr Richard White (7) –
14 WHAT'S YOUR STORY (J Wright) D Nicholson 5-11-10 Mr G Hogan (7) –
15 BUCKWHEAT BERTHA (Mrs D Haine) Mrs D Haine 5-11-5 Mr G Haine (7) –
16 NEARLY PERFECT (Mrs L Comes) G Enright 6-11-5 A Dicken (3) –
17 0 BEN CONNAN 25 (J Whyte) John Whyte 4-11-0 DOUBTFUL –
18 3 BOYFRIEND 16 (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 4-11-0 N Willmington (7) –
19 HIGHLY REPUTABLE (W Gredley) M Pipe 4-11-0 T Dascombe (7) –
20 NORSE RAIDER (P Fyne) F Murphy 4-11-0 D Matthews (5) –
21 PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE (J Davis) R Hannon 4-11-0 Mr D Parker (7) –
22 SMART ROOKIE (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 4-11-0 R Massey (7) –

BETTING: 4-1 Pre-Emptive Strike, 5-1 Callisoe Bay, Highly Reputable, 6-1 Boyfriend, 13-2 Punters Overhead, 8-1 Smart Rookie, What's Your Story, 10-1 The Padre, Ace Player, Going Around, 12-1 others.
1993: RUTLAND GATE 6-11-7 J Ryan (12-1) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 22 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Tinkler	5	19	26.3	R Dunwoody	29	126	23.0
O Sherwood	14	57	24.6	M A Fitzgerald	6	27	22.2
K Bailey	8	34	23.5	J Osborne	25	121	20.7
S Sherwood	4	17	23.5	G McCourt	13	67	19.4
Miss H Knight	7	30	23.3	N Williamson	5	36	13.9
N Henderson	18	80	22.5	M Perrett	9	67	13.4

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Kempton Park

Going: soft

2.25 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Top Spin (A Maguire, 11-4); 2, Ealing Court (33-1); 3, Friendly Fellow (10-1). Edimbourg Evens fav. 12 ran. 1l, 4l. J Jenkins. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £4.50, £1.70. DF: £62.80. Trio: £96.30. CSF: £74.26

2.55 (3m ch) 1, Teaplanter (Mr R Russell, 8-11 fav); 2, Mr Murdock (11-4); 3, The Malakarma (6-1). 5 ran. 5l, 25l. Miss C Saunders. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.01

3.25 (3m ch) 1, Honest Word (R Dunwoody, 4-11 fav); 2, Fantus (4-1); 3, Willow Gale (20-1). 6 ran. 3l, 7l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.07

3.55 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Bibendum (M A Fitzgerald, 100-30); 2, Lake Teereen (15-8 fav); 3, Ambassador (11-2). 4 ran. 15l, 30l. R Waley-Cohen. Tote: £3.60. DF: £3.40. CSF: £8.89

4.25 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Elaine Tully (Peter Hobbs, 9-1); 2, Maestro Paul (4-1 fav); 3, Pariezvousfrancais (33-1). 15 ran. NR: Bickerman, High Grade. 7l, 7l. P Hobbs. Tote: £9.00; £2.50, £1.70, £17.30. DF: £16.40. Trio: £659.10. CSF: £43.69. Tricast: £1,072.26.

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Cloghans Bay (R Dunwoody, 11-8 fav); 2, Quarry House (6-1); 3, Gospel (100-30). 9 ran. NR: Metropolis. 2l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £11.90. Trio: £4.10. CSF: £10.24.

Jackpot: £982.20.
Placepot: £74.30.

Towcester

Going: heavy

2.15 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Leavenworth (S Fox, 7-1); 2, One More Pound (14-1); 3, It's Not My Fault (12-1); 4, Jokers Patch (10-1). Al Sahil 13-2 fav. 21 ran. 7l, 1l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £4.90; £2.80, £6.10, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £68.60. Trio: £184.40. CSF: £98.72. Tricast: £1,071.36

2.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Country Mistress (T Grantham, 7-4 fav); 2, Cruising On (5-2); 3, Stormy Fashion (11-2). 5 ran. 3l, 20l. J Old. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £2.90. CSF: £5.74.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Overlord (M Perrett, 10-1); 2, Manners Air (12-1); 3, Mr Pickpocket (7-4 fav). 12 ran. 3l, 2½l. W Muir. Tote: £11.20; £3.50, £2.60, £1.10. DF: £137.00. CSF: £124.13.

3.45 (2m 6f ch) 1, Taramoss (N Williamson, 13-8 fav); 2, Trimage (15-2); 3, Leeswood (8-1). 9 ran. 6l, 2½l. J Edwards. Tote: £2.50; £1.90, £2.60, £2.90. DF: £8.10. Trio: £33.30. CSF: £13.76. Tricast: £70.49

4.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Viva Bella (J Burke, 8-2 fav); 2, Postman's Path (9-1); 3, Smooth Escort (10-1). 14 ran. NR: Complete Optimist. 25l, sh hd. Mrs S Bramall. Tote: £6.40; £2.00, £3.30, £4.00. DF: £24.70. Trio: £294.30. CSF: £45.38. Tricast: £369.38

4.45 (2m hdle) 1, Jalingo (B Clifford, 10-1); 2, Iveagh House (7-1); 3, Island Jewel (7-4 fav). 10 ran. 4l, 1½l. P Makin. Tote: £18.40; £3.10, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £117.10. Trio: £42.60. CSF: £75.93. Tricast: £167.45.

Placepot: £16.10.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (7f) 1, Persian Affair (M Fenton, 5-1); 2, Alpine Johnny (11-2); 3, Saw Mill (7-4 fav). 6 ran. 5l, ½l. M Bell. Tote: £6.90; £2.20, £2.50. DF: £14.50. CSF: £29.08

2.40 (7f) 1, Claudia Miss (Dean McKeown, 11-2); 2, First Gold (14-1); 3, Maid Welcome (11-2). Dream Carrier 11-10 fav. 13 ran. ½l, hd. W Haigh. Tote: £5.80; £1.40, £4.60, £2.30. DF: £62.70. CSF: £79.76

3.10 (1m) 1, Cedez Le Passage (B Doyle, 4-6 fav); 2, Risky Tu (14-1); 3, Sauornaise (33-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 5l. C Brittain. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.70, £8.10. DF: £14.80. CSF: £12.96

3.40 (1m) 1, Themaam (Darren Moffatt, 1-10 fav); 2, Media Messenger (10-1); 3, Ripenorter (14-1). 4 ran. NR: Espla. 6l, 4l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.10. DF: £4.40. CSF: £2.16.

4.10 (1m 6f) 1, Father Hayes (K Darley, 3-1; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Holy Wanderer (5-2 fav); 3, Absalom's Pillar (5-1). 10 ran. 2l, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £6.30. Trio: £4.40. CSF: £11.66. Tricast: £35.61

4.40 (1m 3f) 1, Dragon Man (J Weaver, Evens fav); 2, Miss Freebie (5-1); 3, Monkey Boy (25-1). 9 ran. NR: Good Evans. 8l, 2½l. P Haslam. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £2.70, £8.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £7.41

5.10 (6f) 1, Life's A Breeze (N Carlisle, 7-2 fav); 2, Super Benz (7-1); 3, Panther (14-1). 13 ran. NR: Lady Roxanne, Toshiba Comet. Hd, nk. P Felgate. Tote: £6.00; £3.10, £3.20, £2.80. DF: £24.40. Trio: £110.90. CSF: £30.43. Tricast: £303.25

Placepot: £74.80.

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER

1.15 The Changeling. 1.45 Heathview. 2.15 Firm Price. 2.45 Kind'a Smart. 3.20 Over The Island. 3.50 Only A Rose. 4.20 King Athelstan.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 FIRM PRICE.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

1.15 PORT SETON MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £1,966: 2m) (14 runners)

1 0/4-P HAZEL CREST 44 (F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-7 F Leahy (7)
2 6-64 KNOW-NO-NO 14 M Hammond 5-11-7 D Bentley (3)
3 /00- MARINER'S WALK 476 J Bradley 7-11-7 R Farrant (3)
4 0-00 MIDDLEHAM CASTLE 171 V Thompson 5-11-7 F Perratt (5)
5 -043 MONTRAVE 43 R Allan 5-11-7 B Storey
6 5-P0 MR WESTCLIFF 14 (B) Denys Smith 6-11-7 P Waggott (5)
7 -840 RALLEGIO 14 P Monteith 5-11-7 A Dobbin
8 ROCK OPERA 128F G Cottsworth 6-11-7 A Merrigan
9 00 SCARABEN 21 S Kettlewell 6-11-7 N Bentley (3)
10 -063 THE CHANGELING 31 G Bravery 5-11-7 R Beggan
11 0 WEE WARRIOR 157 (V) Mrs D Thomson 6-11-7 P Kennedy (7)
12 4P3 DAYADAN 14 B Ellison 4-10-12 A Larnach (3)
13 F JUSTICE IS DONE 22 T Dyer 4-10-12 Peter Hobbs
14 00 TODDEN 93 J Hellens 4-10-12 T Reed

2-1 The Changeling, 3-1 Know-No-No, 4-1 Dayadan, Rock Opera, 10-1 others.

1.45 EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY TURF CLUB NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,502: 3m) (10)

1 3160 EBRO 15 (C,G,S) V Thompson 8-11-10 F Perratt (5)
2 1-FU HEATHVIEW 29 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-7 F Leahy (7)
3 U5-2 COSMIC FORCE 17 (G) C Broad 10-11-5 Jacqui Oliver
4 /3-3 RAIN MAN 14 M Hammond 9-11-4 Mr C Bonner (7)
5 F34- ROSEHIP 269 (F) P Cheesbrough 9-11-3 A Larnach (3)
6 /231- OPAL'S TENSPOT 497 (F) J Bradley 7-11-1 R Farrant (3)
7 0001 DONEGAL STYLE 50 (CD,G) J Johnson 6-10-12 A Dobbin
8 0U43 JUNIORS CHOICE 50 (F) J Threadgall 11-10-9 A Merrigan
9 353P MOW CREEK 18 Mrs S Bradburne 10-10-8 P Williams (5)
10 /4P- POTATO MAN 479 Mrs S Taylor 8-10-6 D Bentley (3)

2-1 Donegal Style, 4-1 Juniors Choice, 5-1 Cosmic Force, 7-1 Heathview, 8-1 Opal's Tenspot, Rain Man, 10-1 Ebro, Rosehip, 16-1 others.

2.15 LONGNIDDRY CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,987: 3m) (16)

1 -211 FIRM PRICE 43 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 13-11-10 G Lee (7)
2 PICKTHEMONEYUPALF R Johnson 7-11-7 Mr P Johnson
3 2 HOT PUNCH 23 H Alexander 5-11-6 P Waggott (5)
4 -205 VALIANT DASH 14 (C,D,F,G,S) J Goldie 9-11-4 F Perratt (5)
5 30P4 CLASSIC MINSTREL 14 (B) Mrs S Bradburne 10-11-2 P Williams (5)
6 4026 LAPIAFFE 23 (D,F,G,S) A Harrison 10-11-2 S Taylor (7)
7 0564 MR FENWICK 18 (CD,F,G,S) J Eyre 10-11-2 A Mulholland
8 5PP5 CLASSIC STATEMENT 24 (D,F,G) J Hellens 8-11-0 A Larnach (3)
9 -313 GYMCRAK DAWN 31 (D,G) J Hetherton 9-11-0 P Harley
10 /00P HELLO GEORGIE 43 (B,F,G) D Nolan 11-11-0 R Garritty
11 4022 MISTIC GLEN 16 (F,S) J Parkes 5-10-13 A Dobbin
12 5460 GOLDEN REVERIE 14 (G) B Mactaggart 6-10-12 A Merrigan
13 00P- LUCAS COURT 227 (S) J Johnson 8-10-12 D J Moffatt (3)
14 F-UU MISTER CUMBERS 14 J Johnson 7-10-12 A S Smith
15 -PP0 YACHT CLUB 31 (D,F) J Eyre 12-10-12 O Pears
16 0640 HOTDIGGITY 14 P Monteith 6-10-8 T Jenks (5)

7-4 Firm Price, 9-2 Mistic Glen, 5-1 Valiant Dash, 7-1 Lapiaffe, 8-1 Hot Punch, 12-1 Gymcrak Dawn, 14-1 Classic Minstrel, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Thornton, 5 winners from 16 runners, 31.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 56, 28.6%; J Hellens, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M Hammond, 15 from 67, 22.4%; M Naughton, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 from 43, 20.9%.

JOCKEYS: T Reed, 13 winners from 76 rides, 17.1%; A Dobbin, 7 from 44, 15.9%; B Storey, 17 from 112, 15.2%; P Williams, 6 from 41, 14.6%; D Bentley, 3 from 26, 11.5%. Only qualifiers.

2.45 EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY TURF CLUB HOLE IN THE WALL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,697: 2m) (7)

1 3123 SHU FLY 29 (D,F,G) C Broad 10-12-0 Jacqui Oliver
2 F323 CORNET 23 (V,CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 8-11-4 P Waggott (5)
3 12P1 SONSIE MO 22 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-4 P Williams (5)
4 2134 ONE FOR THE POT 25 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Naughton 9-10-11 T Jenks (3)
5 -0-2 KIND'A SMART 15 (D,F,G,S) K Morgan 9-10-3 A S Smith
6 4223 GOLDEN ISLE 23 (F,G) J Charlton 10-10-0 B Storey
7 0-0F STRONG SILVER 35 (B) R Johnson 9-10-0 Mr P Johnson

2-1 Sonsie Mo, 3-1 Shu Fly, 7-2 Kind'a Smart, 5-1 Cornet, 6-1 One For The Pot, 7-1 Golden Isle, 50-1 Strong Silver

3.20 HADDINGTON MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,242: 2m 4f) (13)

1 U206 BALLYBELL 15 J Gledson 9-11-7 B Storey
2 003F COZZI 21 J Bradley 6-11-7 R Farrant (3)
3 5644 FLING IN SPRING 14 (V) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-7 P Williams (5)
4 PF0 GRAAL LEGEND 18 V Thompson 9-11-7 F Perratt (5)
5 -004 KRISSOS 14 (B) Denys Smith 7-11-7 P Waggott (5)
6 P-P5 MAYOR OF LISCARROL 25 M Smith 9-11-7 G Harker
7 -4F6 NORTHERN VISION 107 R Lamb 7-11-7 Mr A Manners (7)
8 32F3 ZARBANO 18 B Mactaggart 8-11-7 A Merrigan
9 0 CORNISH BAY 105 Mrs D Thomson 6-11-2 P Kennedy (7)
10 /P6- MISS JEDD 457 P Monteith 7-11-2 T Jenks (3)
11 P-23 OVER THE ISLAND 21 J Johnson 6-11-2 A Dobbin
12 2523 RUSSINSKY 40 G Bravery 7-11-2 R Beggan
13 0-0P KIRKCALDY 45 Mrs S Bradburne 5-10-12 D Wilkinson

9-4 Russinsky, 11-4 Over The Island, 4-1 Zarbano, 11-2 Fling In Spring, 8-1 Northern Vision, 12-1 Ballybell, 16-1 Krissos, 20-1 others.

3.50 SCOTTISH RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,346: 2m 4f) (13)

1 0200 RODFORM WONDER 28 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 7-12-0 D J Moffatt (3)
2 31-10 TROODOS 100 (D,F,G) Mrs S Austin 8-11-7 S Smith Eccles
3 1334 THE GREEN FOOL 15 (CD,F,G,S) V Thompson 7-11-4 B Storey
4 52F1 ONLY A ROSE 15 (D,G,S) C Thornton 5-10-11 D Wilkinson
5 1213 MAJOR BELL 28 (C,F,S) A Whillans 8-10-8 M Moloney
6 4/06 KIR (B,D) V Thompson 6-10-5 F Perratt (5)
7 2332 J P MORGAN 14 (V,C,G) M Naughton 6-10-2 T Jenks (3)
8 0326 FORTUNE'S GIRL 25 M Hammond 6-10-0 D Bentley (3)
9 UP/0 MIDLAND EXPRESS 88 (D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 11-10-0 P Waggott (5)
10 5420 RAPID MOVER 54F (B,C,F) D Nolan 7-10-0 P Williams (5)
11 60-05 ELGIN 45 (S) P Monteith 5-10-0 A Dobbin
12 00-05 REXY BOY 43 (CD,S) W Barker 7-10-0 G Harker
13 000 RED TEMPEST 43 J Goldie 6-10-0 O Pears

5-2 Only A Rose, 7-2 The Green Fool, 4-1 Major Bell, 5-1 J P Morgan, 7-1 Rodform Wonder, 10-1 Fortune's Girl, 14-1 Troodos, 20-1 others.

4.20 PORT SETON MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £1,956: 2m) (13)

1 P BRAVE AND TENDER 28 J Johnson 5-11-7 A Dobbin
2 10-0 HOLD YOUR HAT ON 113 (G) C Thornton 5-11-7 D Wilkinson
3 45 KING ATHELSTAN 24 K Morgan 6-11-7 A S Smith
4 00-5 LITTLE FREDDIE 87 (B) J Charlton 5-11-7 B Storey
5 0-F0 SUPER SHARP 66 (G) C Broad 6-11-7 Jacqui Oliver
6 33F6 TEMPLERAINEY 14 (G) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-7 P Williams (5)
7 PP TOMASHENKO 25 T Donnelly 5-11-7 M Moloney
8 GLORIOUS HEIGHTS V Thompson 6-11-2 F Perratt (5)
9 0/0- VALLEY OF TIME 29F D Nolan 6-11-2
10 FP BUZZ-B-BABE 25 B Ellison 4-10-12 D J Moffatt (3)
11 0 COMBELLINO 21 M Hammond 4-10-12 Mr C Bonner (7)
12 50 COMMANCHE CREEK 50 J Hellens 4-10-12 A Larnach (3)
13 0 LANCASTER PILOT 25 J Eyre 4-10-12 A Mulholland

9-4 King Athelstan, 7-2 Hold Your Hat On, 5-1 Templerainey, 6-1 Combellino, 8-1 Super Sharp, 14-1 Brave And Tender, 16-1 Valley Of Time, 20-1 others.

□ The Horserace Betting Levy Board yesterday agreed to give an additional £100,000 toward security costs expected to be incurred at the Grand National meeting this year. The grant will finance the costs of an increased police presence and the use of sophisticated security equipment.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Wolverhampton (AW, first race 2.00), Leicester (2.10), Plumpton (2.20)
TUESDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 2.30), Hexham (2.10), Nottingham (2.20).
WEDNESDAY: Fontwell Park (2.15), Wetherby (1.50), Worcester (2.00)
THURSDAY: Ludlow (2.00), Taunton (1.55), Warwick (1.50).
FRIDAY: Southwell (AW, 2.10), Kelso (1.50), Lingfield Park (2.15), Newbury (2.00).
SATURDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 2.10), Doncaster (1.55), Hereford (1.55), Newbury (12.30), Stratford (2.20), †Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00).
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Law tackles a sport unable to regulate itself

Rob Hughes, football correspondent, examines the ways to stop on-field violence continuing to spread

The dark glasses, the Phantom of the Opera mask, the purple swelling have gone. And give or take a plate or two, permanently holding together the right eye socket, Gary Mabbutt is ready to play.

Mabbutt is in Tottenham Hotspur's squad for the FA Carling Premiership match at Chelsea tomorrow, and may be given a sheltered role in midfield where the onus on heading the ball is diminished. His three-month absence has been a sore loss to Tottenham, and a blight on the sporting face of our national game.

Thanks to his fortitude, and the skills of his surgeon, David James, the only impairment is now a deadening of nerves down the left temple and cheek. Mabbutt has the character to smile through that, but at Stamford Bridge tomorrow he might well meet Paul Elliott, another centre half, another victim of football's destructive aggression and speed.

Elliott's own chances of a comeback are receding, his sense of loss rising. He awaits a Royal Court of Justice hearing on May 23 when, unless there is a prior settlement, lawyers will attempt to prove that Dean Saunders, the Wales international, was culpable for the challenge that wrecked Elliott's knee 18 months ago.

Should the case go all the way, the Chelsea defender would seek more than £1 million in damages — though no amount could compensate the sacrifice of prime years between the ages of 28 and 30.

Mabbutt is keeping open the option of whether he, too, will seek a civil action against John Fashanu, who was absolved of malicious intent by the Football Association, for his use of the elbow.

The injuries, and the common talk between players, are an indictment of modern attitudes. Even the players' union now admits that there are some members who are prepared — willfully or otherwise — to put other professionals out of the sport.

A lingering case for concern is John Uzzell, the Torquay United defender, who has never shared the fame and the privileges of Mabbutt and Elliott. It is three years since Uzzell was elbowed by Gary Blissett, and more than a year since Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the Football Association, chose to go to court to give his interpretation of Blissett's lack of intent.

That case became a bench mark for the game, the elbows are still flying, and Uzzell still cannot jog without pain, has no job, and pursues the laborious legal process of attempting his own civil action.

It may, or may not, be of comfort to him to know that the Law Commission and the Government are now debating whether to institute as a criminal offence not only injury intentionally inflicted between sportsmen, but also that deemed to be reckless.

Up to now, the players, in football, rugby, cricket and other pursuits, have accepted increasing violent methods to get a result, and the consequent injuries as part and parcel of their industrial risk.

However, in Belgium, a player is at present serving a four-month imprisonment for an incident similar to that of Fashanu and Blissett, and in Romania, a player adjudged to have deliberately used his elbow has been sacked from the game.

Those countries appear to have a less tedious legal response than Britain. In Scotland, Jim Brown finally wrung a five-figure sum in settlement for the foul which terminated his career three years earlier, and Ian Durrant received £250,000 in an out-of-court settlement last season after losing three years of his career, and returning a diminished competitor.

And, at the risk of Wimbledon once more crying victimisation, John Fashanu is still being pursued through the courts by John O'Neill after the tackle at Norwich, way back in December 1987, since when O'Neill has been unable to participate in sport.

The law waits to laboriously inflict on the game a code that decent players would ordinarily respect amongst themselves. In August 1976, the Law Lords had decreed that a football ground should be considered a public place, and, therefore, that common law against assaults or anything else, should apply. Football, from Lancaster Gate outwards, bridled at this. The plea was that the game policed itself admirably. Yet here, and abroad, that claim withers.

Apart from the blatant cases mentioned here, there are the kicks and fouls that bludgeon a player such as Marco van Basten. Next Thursday, he meets his Belgian surgeon, begging to be allowed to play on. That doctor, Marc Martens, has already told Van Basten: "Even if you come back, you will have to learn to play for ever with pain."

Jumpers approve of Modahl's innovative Mersey beat

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

AFTER the razzmatazz of a high jump-to-music competition in Liverpool on Thursday, indoor athletics returns to normal today, with the staging of the TSB meeting in Birmingham. Back to basics for the sport, back to Asics for the high jump meeting promoter.

Vicente Modahl, who borrowed the idea of a musical high jump from Germany and got it off the ground in Britain, said that Asics, the Japanese sportswear company, was one of four sponsors of the inaugural event — Bupa, Interflora and Liverpool city council were the others — with whom he would discuss the competition's future. Early indications are that impressed parties, new and existing, will treble his £25,000 budget.

Sky, which screens highlights today, is interested in a three-year contract. With a second sports-dedicated channel coming, Sky will have poorer alternatives than this for occupying some of its 7,500 hours of extra airtime.

For nearly four hours spectator attention was held by disco music and the Fosbury Flop. The young were not tugging at parental sleeves to leave and the old did not stuff fingers in their ears.

And what did the British Athletic Federation (BAF) think? "Not our idea, so we're staying at home," seemed the collective response, though a message of congratulation from Peter Radford to Modahl yesterday is to the executive chairman's credit. Modahl had sent a dozen invitations, addressed personally to the top brass, but none attended.

Someone should have been there to form an opinion on whether the BAF should encourage fringe athletics. Does it think, for example, that Brendan Reilly should be setting personal bests while Carter The Unstoppable Sex Machine thumps away? Does it mind Dalton Grant nipping out to the cafe mid-competition to pose for photographs?

David Bedford would surely have enjoyed it. Bedford, a former grand prix promoter, now the secretary of the BAF, once had coloured targets painted on the infield at Meadowbank and encouraged Steve Backley to aim javelins at them. A bulls-eye was worth $50,000.

The jumpers loved it: you could tell from their interaction with spectators, encouraging them to clap in rhythm. Javier Sotomayor, the world No 1, and Steve Smith, his closest challenger, cleared 2.36 metres, the Cuban winning on fewer failures. The dramatic effect of Smith turning off the music for his final jump, attempting a British record of 2.40 metres, had to be witnessed to be appreciated.

For the first time in Britain, three British jumpers cleared 2.30 metres. Reilly jumped 2.32 and Grant 2.34. "One of them will win the European indoor title," Smith, who has declined selection, said.

It will be difficult today for Sotomayor, or the three Britons, to peak again. It is as likely that Frankie Fredericks or Michael Johnson, respectively the world champions at 200 and 400 metres, will provide the highlight. Or Colin Jackson or Sally Gunnell.

Every time Jackson steps onto a track, he threatens to break the 60 metres hurdles world record. When he heard two weeks ago, the day after it was announced that he had recorded 7.35sec, that his time was 7.36sec — the difference between breaking the world record and equalling it — he took the news with equanimity. "I do not think the record will be 7.36sec come the end of the season," he said.

Perhaps he will see to it today. If not, we shall look to Sally Gunnell for a British record in the 400 metres. Her record is 51.77sec. After recording 52.34sec unchallenged in her first run of the season a fortnight ago, she said she thought she could break 51sec. Without music.



Gunnell: British record

Age barrier to selection removed by Venables

By Keith Pike

TERRY Venables cast envious eyes across the Irish Sea yesterday before delivering a message that will warm the hearts of those players not ready yet to exchange football boots for carpet slippers. If you are good enough, the new England coach decreed, you are young enough for your country.

On Monday, Venables will name his first squad since succeeding Graham Taylor, for the match against Denmark at Wembley in 11 days' time, and the fact that Jack Charlton's collection of thirty-somethings have qualified for the World Cup finals where England failed has not gone unnoticed.

"You look at the Republic of Ireland and you have got to accept the fact that they have done outstandingly well," Venables said. "They have qualified and we haven't. I know they have different pres-



Aldridge: instinctive

sures on them, because less is expected, but I feel we have players of equal quality, if not better." And, providing age has not dulled ability or willingness to be flexible, it will be no barrier.

Venables' selection, he said, "has been about trying to get together a blend of youth, experience and adaptability. If you put young players in together, perhaps they will flounder together. The players with desire might be older, but they are still around. They are not too old, or too young, if they are good enough. Whatever the age, if the man can do the job, I can tell."

Of the strikers, Shearer, Wright and Ferdinand are assured of their places, but later describing as "particularly interesting" the option of using "blocks" of players from successful club sides, Venables might just have been issuing an invitation to Peter Beardsley, 33, and Andy Cole, 22, to undermine Denmark in the way that their partnership, which has produced 50 goals for Newcastle United, has terrorised so many English defences this season.

This afternoon, Wright — providing he has recovered from a hamstring injury — and Shearer are in opposition as Arsenal and Blackburn Rovers lock Premiership horns at Highbury, while Newcastle continue their pursuit of a place in the Uefa Cup at home to Ipswich Town. There can be little doubt, though, that if he were English and not Irish, John Aldridge would be much in Venables' mind.

The fact that he is now plying his trade with Tranmere Rovers in the first division of the Endsleigh Insurance League has not dampened the enthusiasm that makes him, at 35, as instinctive as goalscorer as there is in the country. Tomorrow, Aldridge will be hoping to secure Tranmere's place in their first major Wembley final as they defend a 3-1 lead over Aston Villa in the second leg of their Coca-Cola Cup semi-final.

Defence, though, is not what John King, the Tranmere manager, has in mind. "We can defend, of course we can, but our strength is attacking sides," King said yesterday.

"We know that Villa are capable of kicking anybody's backsides, but I like to think that we are not bad either. Our strikers certainly compare with the best around, so we will go into the second leg trying to get at Villa."

Aldridge's goal in the first leg was his 38th in the competition — only Ian Rush and Geoff Hurst have scored more — but the volley Dalian Atkinson put away with almost the last kick at Prenton Park has given Villa a base from which to try to reach their sixth final.

Having made sweeping changes to his side in midweek, Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, is likely to revert to his first-choice line-up tomorrow. "Obviously we dug ourselves into a hole at Prenton Park, and now it is up to us to get out of it," he said.

"It is something I am sure we can achieve, and nobody should get the idea in their heads that it is irretrievable because it is not."

□ Gary Rowett, 19, the Cambridge United utility player, yesterday joined Everton for £300,000.

Sun shines on Swindon striker

Keith Pike on the rising fortunes of a player who has regained touch after a lean period



The Swindon striker, Fjortoft, from Norway, is revelling in his return to form. Photograph: Roy Beardsworth

For strikers, they are occupational hazards. Days when every shot rebounds off an opponent's backside, when every header veers off course as if pushed by an invisible hand. And when days become weeks, and weeks stretch into a month, a dry run becomes a drought.

But what Jan Age Fjortoft had was a veritable desert. The Norwegian once hailed as European football's new Marco van Basten could not score. After five fruitless months, Fjortoft watched from the Swindon Town substitutes' bench as his club's grip on a place in the FA Carling Premiership weakened by the match, and his own dreams of a World Cup summer evaporated. Obscurity beckoned with a loan back to Lillestrom, his Norwegian club.

Yet, this afternoon, in a critical relegation encounter at Maine Road, Manchester City will have to contend with a player in the kind of form that puts him — temporarily, at least — alongside the goalscoring likes of Shearer, Cole and Wright. The transformation has been as dramatic as it has been unexpected. Except, perhaps, by Fjortoft himself.

"I kept saying to myself, 'This can't be right, it should not be happening'," he said of his darkest hours. Eighty goals in three seasons with Rapid Vienna, and 15 in 45 matches for his country, had been enough to persuade Swindon he was worth a club record fee of £500,000 last summer. Enough, too, to keep primed the principal weapon in every goalscorer's armoury: confidence. That, though, was shrivelling by the match.

The oasis came in the shape of Markus Fjortoft, who was born two weeks into January. Suddenly, it was Premiership defenders as well as Fjortoft who were having sleepless nights.

In his first match for nine weeks, Fjortoft got off the mark against Ipswich Town in an FA Cup replay. Then followed the goal that set up victory over Tottenham, a hat-trick against Coventry and, after Swindon's 5-0 hammering at Aston Villa, two against Norwich last weekend. Five matches, seven goals. A simple game for one who does not possess Shearer's strength, Cole's pace or Wright's trickery, but has some of the qualities of all three.

If it was that easy, every striker in the country would rush home and produce offspring. Fjortoft, 27, does not underestimate the benefits of fatherhood: "It has put a new perspective on my life. I am much more relaxed. It doesn't matter so much if I hit the bar."

However, he knows the real answer lies elsewhere. "It is all about confidence," he said. His second goal against Norwich was a perfect illustration. A cross from the right was pulled back too far, it seemed, but despite having to twist and stoop away from the target, he managed to get remarkable power behind his header. "Perhaps before, I would not even have tried to get it on goal. When things are not going well you forget what your strengths are, but when things go right, you believe you can do anything."

They went right within 27 minutes of his first game for Rapid, a goal "that took all the pressure off me. Perhaps if I had got a lucky one early this season for Swindon, it might have been different. I was trying too hard. Swindon had spent a lot of money on me and I wanted to repay them."

Fjortoft said he found the pace of the game here hard to cope with. "It is so intense, there are no spare moments and the speed is enormous. All continental players found it difficult to adjust."

One of the dozens of Norwegians playing in England, Frank Strandli, returned to Bergen on Thursday to try to revive a career that had regressed at Leeds United.

Fjortoft also flew back this week, but his was a two-day trip to Hamar, the home town of his wife, Marianna, and the town hosting the skating events at the Winter Olympics. A keen skier, Fjortoft said the Games "have given Norway a chance to show its culture and its conscience, not just about sport but on things like the environment".

Today, it is back to scoring goals. "I will enjoy it while it lasts," Fjortoft said. "It could all stop tomorrow."

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Mayrhofen	60	90	fair	heavy	—	fair	0	24/2
(Good skiing on most pistes)								
Obergurgl	95	140	good	heavy	fair	fine	2	24/2
(Good piste skiing in brilliant sunshine)								
Schladming	50	150	fair	varied	slush	rain	9	25/2
(Snowing on upper slopes where skiing still good)								
St Anton	60	310	good	powder	good	fine	-3	25/2
(Good powder skiing)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	165	300	good	varied	good	sun	-5	24/2
(Excellent skiing on piste)								
Flaine	125	320	good	heavy	good	sun	1	24/2
(Fresh snow and good skiing)								
Megève	45	150	good	powder	good	fine	4	24/2
(Excellent piste skiing if a little heavy low down)								
S Chevalier	65	195	good	powder	good	fine	5	24/2
(Excellent skiing, best conditions for ten years)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	100	105	good	powder	good	sun	1	25/2
(Excellent skiing after fresh snow)								
Grindelwald	20	110	good	varied	worn	fine	6	24/2
(Good piste skiing above 1,500 metres; worn below)								
Gstaad	35	90	good	varied	fair	sun	2	24/2
(Good skiing with some powder still available)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Western rivals join in Vase quest

Non-League Football by Walter Gammie

UNBEATEN Great Mills League title rivals, Tiverton Town and Taunton Town, fly the flag of the West Country in the quarter-finals of the FA Vase. Tiverton, who were beaten 1-0 by Bridlington Town in the final at Wembley last May, travel to Norfolk today to play Diss Town, and Taunton were to have played Newbury Town, the powerful Diadora League second division side, until the poor weather forced the tie's postponement.

Martyn Rogers, the Tiverton manager, said: "Before every Vase game this year, I've been saying to the team 'you did terrifically well to get where you did last year but we didn't perform on the day and we've got some unfinished business to take care of'. We're three matches away with a good chance of going to Wembley again, so we've got to pull out all the stops and put right what we didn't do last year."

Tiverton are helped by having lost only one player from last season, Jason Smith, their teenage central defender who was sold to Coventry City for £5,000. He has been replaced by Martin Tregedeon, from Torrington, who Rogers says is "an assured player who has settled in quickly". Hedley Steele, the captain, is still going strong at 40, and the strike force of Kevin Smith and Phil Everitt has continued to fire. Smith, 57 goals in all competitions last season, has rattled in 42 so far this season.

Smith's exploits are put in the shade by Andy Perrett, who has scored 51 times this season in continuing a fruitful partnership for Taunton with John Durham that was the basis of Clevedon Town's title-winning side last season.

The pair accompanied Terry Rowles, their manager, to Taunton as Clevedon stepped up to the Beazer Homes League and Rowles moved to replace Keith Bowker, dismissed as manager after six years. Rowles also brought back Jamie Ward and Damon Palfrey to their home town club. Tom Harris, the Taunton chairman for 14 years, said: "This is probably the best side we've had, better than the good one we had in 1981 that reached the first round of the FA Cup before losing 2-1 to Swindon.

"We're geographically out on a limb down here and Terry living in Bristol — rather than Keith being based in Exeter — will help us when we try to step back up to the Southern League." The need to bring adjacent to the pitch dressing-rooms that are 50 yards away is the main barrier to Taunton's progress.

The two powers in the league clash on Monday week at Taunton, with the return at Tiverton — called off at new year — on April 13. Tiverton have won 17 and drawn one of 18 matches, Taunton winning 16 and drawing one of 17. A third meeting in the final at Wembley in May remains a possibility.

Underdogs have golden cup opportunity

Heavy schedule to count against powerful clubs

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE English rugby union season turns the screw a little tighter on its leading exponents today. Eighteen of the senior England squad will sandwich the Pilkington Cup quarter-finals between international dates, while a nineteenth, Rob Andrew, will play for Wasps in a postponed league match at London Irish, where he will hope not to run foul of last week's nemesis, Simon Geoghegan.

It would have been 19 in cup games but for the absence of Dean Richards from the Leicester side to play Moseley, one of three second-division clubs still in the draw. Richards, the No 8 still feeling the effects of his dislocated elbow, ended speculation about his availability to play for England against France in Paris next weekend by withdrawing from the squad preparation to be held tomorrow.

Ten members of the England A squad will also play in cup matches, while another five will play in league matches.

The rigorous international schedule should favor the second-division clubs. But even without Richards, Leicester, the cup-holders, should have too much fire power behind the scrum for Moseley, though the forward battle, where Moseley will have such such hardened players as Teague, Linnett and Smith, is likely to be less predictable.

However, Moseley's league form of six defeats out of seven away games, and a crowd of 10,000 at Welford Road, suggest insuperable problems.

Sale is the second-division club most likely to create waves should they catch Harlequins, beaten finalists last season, out of sorts. The confidence of Sale could hardly be higher.

They are poised for promotion and their members have pointed the way to a challenging future by voting for a merger with Broughton Park and the establishment of a new centre.

"Promotion comes first," Paul Turner, the coach and stand-off half of Sale, said. "It would be an unsuccessful season if we play in a cup final and yet come third in the league. Harlequins will be a guide to our prospects as a first-division club." Sale have



Richards: injured No 8

a big pack, but the inexperience of their backs may count against them.

Harlequins will be without six forwards — five are injured and Alex Snow is suspended. Mark Russell and Simon Dear will form their second row while Justyn Cassell, the England A flanker, returns for his first game since a shoulder operation in October.

The return to form of the other first-division club, Saracens, has brought pleasure far beyond north London. But the club may be loath to display yet more back-row talent — this time in the shape of Anthony Diprose and Richard Hill — when Bath arrive, given the raids that first-division clubs perennially make on their resources. With 1,500 tickets available on the gate this morning, Saracens expect a crowd of 5,000.

For the all first-division tie between Gloucester and Orrell, Gloucester have been forced to restore Mark Nicholson to the wing because Simon Morris has yet to recover from a hamstring injury.

Cardiff go into their sixth-round Swalec Cup tie against Bridgend full of confidence after a £500,000 "gift" from Peter Thomas, the millionaire who is a member of their strategic planning committee. The money is to be used to attract a chief executive who will be paid £50,000 per year, and to establish trust funds for first-team squad players, a move which is being examined by the Welsh Rugby Union.

Simon Hill, the Wales wing, has been omitted on rota to play against Bridgend, who have sought inspiration from a visit to Wigan last week.

"I am a firm believer in the fact that rugby union can learn from all sports, from rugby league to aerobics," said Clive Norling, the Bridgend director of coaching. The presence of several former Cardiff players should add steel to the Bridgend efforts.

The McIntosh brothers will come face to face at Sardis Road, where Dale will play in Pontypridd's back row against Shane, who will play in Swansea's centre. Ystradgynlais, victors against Newport in the last round, will be at home to Neath.

Rising from the underworld

By Bryan Stiles

Andy Mullins, the quiet man of the front row, would have been forgiven if he had thought that this was his season to break through into the England team. He had been appointed captain of Harlequins, one of England's premier clubs, he had collected more England second-team caps — 15 — than any other player and the prop forward keeping him out of the England team was under attack.

It was the perfect scenario for Mullins to reap the reward for harsh years slogging away in the dark underworld of the scrum's front row. But not only did Victor Ubogu retain his place against Ireland on Saturday, but Mullins was replaced in the England A team by John Mallett, a young rival from Bath.

Mullins, 29, must be hoping that this is a blip on his record as he strives to add to the England cap he gained against Fiji in 1989.

He knows there are still opportunities for him to project himself back on to the main stage. What better place to prove the point than in the quarter-final of the Pilkington Cup — he will be leading Harlequins against Sale at home today. He has also been named in the England A squad for the game against the French second XV, in Paris, on March 5.

Sale might catch the edge of his frustration. With Harlequins out of the running for Courage Clubs Championship honours, the Cup represents their only route to success this season and they will not be taking their second division visitors lightly.

The prop will hope to come through the cup-tie unscathed and then oust Mallett when the team to meet the French is announced tomorrow. France will probably pose the biggest challenge for England A and the selectors may prefer Mullins's experience.

Jeff Probyn had championed Mullins's cause as his successor in the England team, preferring the Harlequins' straightforward honest graft and the tight work in the ruck, maul and lineout to the gadfly activity of others.

GEORGE HERRINGSHAW



Mullins will be trying to prove a point to the England selectors against Sale today

It was Probyn, among others, who questisoned England's scrummaging in the shaky performance against Scotland, and he added: "Victor Ubogu has not answered the doubts over his ability as an international scrummager." The selectors ignored the prod.

They have also so far ignored the idea of fielding an all-Harlequins front row, playing Mullins alongside the established pair of Jason Leonard and Brian Moore.

Moore rates his club-mate among the best tight-head props in England. "In the last 18 months, he has matured and made a lot of strides," Moore said. "His approach to scrummaging has been more positive and he has dictated more. Quins certainly feel the benefit of the way he helps to wedge the scrum down, like Probyn does."

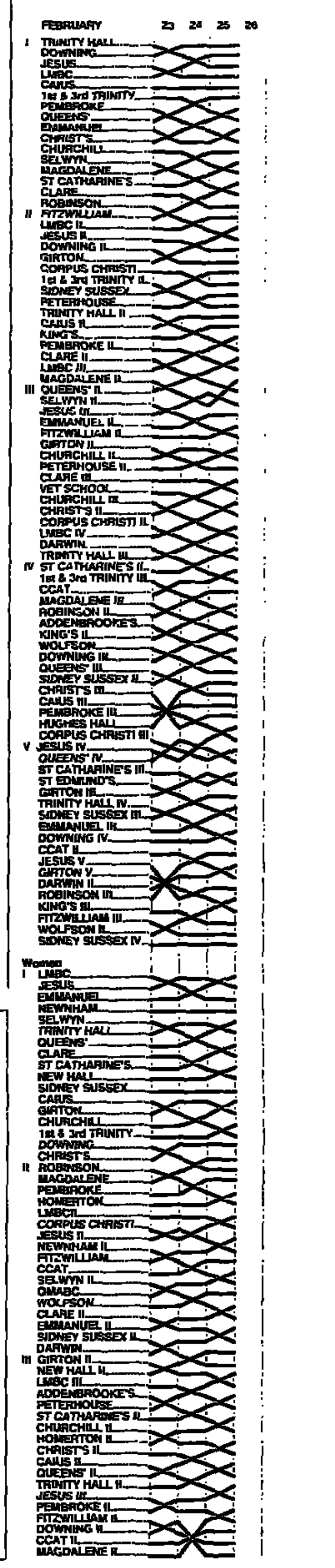
During the week, Mullins works in the City of London for the Bank of Tokyo as a swaps trader, managing large sums of money, swapping cash flows and risks for clients. On Saturday, he deals in the currency of confrontation, but he feels the game is much cleaner than in the past: everyone preaches the gospel of a good, clean fight.

The clashing of bodies when a scrum forms might look violent, but, according to Mullins, it is the wear and tear on their backs that can cause forwards most pain — "by the end of the season you are getting some uncomfortable Sunday mornings."

He will put up with painful Sundays if he can lead Harlequins to Pilkington Cup success this season and regain his England place. Like many an England hopeful, he has his eyes on the tour to South Africa in the summer.

Sinclair switches to help Downing

DUNCAN Sinclair saved the day for Downing when he moved from stroking their second boat to stroking their new head boat on the third day of the Cambridge Lent races yesterday and Downing finshed 2½ lengths clear of Lady Margaret. In the women's, Jesus's reign at the top was ended by Emmanuel, while the Oxford University Torpids were again cancelled because of strong currents on the Isis.



Game without frontiers requires international blueprint



GERALD DAVIES

Rugby Commentary

Two items of news recently reflected rugby union's protracted and seemingly intractable dilemma of what kind of game the administrators and others close to it wish it to be. Rugby encompasses not one voice but many. Increasingly, these are polarised between the northern and southern hemispheres.

One item has been less publicised. It concerns what Geoff Cooke, the England manager, described as "the frightening scenario" of players under formal contract to play for their clubs and the conflict that might arise with the requirements of national teams.

The other came from the southern hemisphere. New Zealand are to consider a report which recommends the end of amateurism and suggests that rugby union should embrace the concept of an "open" sport, thus finally making unnecessary the distinction between amateur and professional.

The pretence of having a set of regulations defining amateurism is unsustainable. As Eddie Tonks, the chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Council, said, not one governing body observes them. Shamateurism is rife, in the form of club "packages" and national funds, whether they are interpreted as direct or indirect payments.

If the recommendations of the report form the basis of rugby's future, then Cooke's fears become real. He may have been reflecting only a very localised English concern, but such a scenario has worldwide implications.

The amateur regulations, in allowing each country to interpret them as it wishes, encourage parochial self-interest. Hitherto players generally have not strayed beyond their countries, but this habit would probably change. Money would be the calling card and it recognises no boundaries. If the game becomes open, contracts will inevitably form a part of a new code of practice. Agents will deal with the financial details, which will bind both clubs and players. Gentlemanly agreements will not do.

Under the regulations at present, a new job might entice, for example, Ieuan Evans, the Wales captain, to live and play in London: in an open market, it would be the formal contract that would draw him away from Llanelli. There would be free movement of players in all directions.

Let us consider Neil Jenkins, the Wales stand-off half. He has been an important influence for Wales this year and is a prolific collector of points. In the market-place of open rugby, he would be of considerable value. Were a South African province, say, to offer him a lucrative contract at the end of the Welsh season, running from May to September, what would Jenkins do?

Perhaps he would decide he needed the money. In the meantime, Wales would be touring Canada and the Pacific islands. In the new climate, it might be interpreted as restriction of trade were the Welsh Rugby Union to attempt to stop him from going to South Africa because it wanted him to tour.

Tours might become a thing of the past. Because of players' contractual obligations to clubs, only single international matches might be contemplated. Furthermore, it might prove too strenuous to play all the year round, so decisions about where to play and for whom might be made on purely financial grounds.

There can be no firm answers to these questions at this stage. Rugby would have to define its own code. It is time that all the rugby authorities gathered under one roof to determine the sport's future. It should not be an item on the agenda. It should be *the* agenda.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
* all-ticket match

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership
Arsenal v Blackburn
Liverpool v Coventry
Manchester City v Swindon
* Newcastle v Ipswich
Norwich v Sheffield Wednesday
Sheffield United v QPR ... P
Southampton v Wimbledon
* West Ham v Manchester Utd

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	28	20	7	1	57	25	67
Blackburn	29	18	7	4	44	22	61
Newcastle	29	14	6	9	51	30	48
Arsenal	29	12	12	5	33	16	48
Leeds	28	12	10	6	41	29	46
Aston Villa	28	12	9	7	36	27	45
Liverpool	29	12	8	9	48	40	44
Sheff Wed	28	11	10	7	52	37	43
Norwich	28	10	13	5	48	38	43
QPR	27	11	6	10	42	36	39
Coventry	30	9	11	10	32	36	38
Ipswich	29	8	12	9	26	32	36
Wimbledon	27	9	9	9	31	38	36
West Ham	28	9	9	10	25	35	36
Everton	30	9	6	15	33	41	33
Tottenham	28	7	9	13	36	39	30
Southampton	28	8	3	17	31	41	27
Chelsea	27	6	8	13	26	36	26
Man City	29	5	11	13	23	37	26
Oldham	28	6	8	14	24	47	26
Sheff Utd	29	4	11	14	24	45	23
Swindon	30	4	11	15	34	70	23

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Barnsley v Millwall ... P
Charlton v Watford
Crystal Palace v Bolton
Derby v Birmingham
Grimsby v Peterborough
Leicester v Middlesbrough
Luton v Sunderland
Oxford Utd v Nottingham Forest
Southend v Bristol City
Stoke v Portsmouth
* Wolverhampton v West Bromwich

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	31	17	7	7	55	36	58
Leicester	31	15	8	8	52	39	53
Charlton	30	15	7	8	39	26	52
Millwall	29	14	8	7	41	33	50
Derby	31	15	4	12	50	46	49
Tranmere	31	14	7	10	43	37	49
Nottm Forest	29	13	9	7	47	33	48
Stoke	31	13	8	10	41	44	47
Wolves	30	11	13	6	45	29	46
Notts County	31	14	4	13	45	51	46
Southend	30	13	4	13	45	42	43
Bolton	31	11	9	11	39	37	42
Bristol City	31	11	9	11	33	37	42
Portsmouth	31	10	11	10	35	42	41
Middlesbrough	29	10	10	9	39	31	40
Sunderland	30	11	6	13	30	36	39
Luton	29	11	5	13	40	37	38
Grimsby	30	7	14	9	36	35	35
West Brom	31	8	9	14	43	49	33
Watford	31	8	7	16	46	62	31
Barnsley	29	8	7	14	37	45	31
Birmingham	32	7	8	17	32	51	29
Peterborough	30	6	10	14	27	37	28
Oxford Utd	30	6	8	16	32	57	26

FA VASE: Sixth round. Aldershot Town v Atherton LR, Arlesey v Boston FC, Diss v Taunton. Postponed: Taunton v Newbury
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE. Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Torrington, Calne v Bideford; Exmouth v Frome, Mangotsfield v Paulton, Odd Down v Crediton. Les Phillips Cup: Glastonbury v Dawlish.

Second division
Barnet v Blackpool
Bradford v Fulham
Brentford v Rotherham
Bristol Rovers v Hull
Burnley v Bournemouth
Cambridge Utd v Reading
Cardiff v Port Vale
Hartlepool v Exeter
Huddersfield v Brighton
Plymouth v Swansea
Wrexham v Stockport
York v Leyton Orient

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	31	19	7	5	62	32	64
Bristol Rovers	31	16	8	7	42	35	56
Stockport	28	16	6	6	49	27	54
Plymouth	29	15	8	6	54	38	53
Burnley	30	15	5	10	50	37	50
Port Vale	29	14	8	7	47	30	50
Brentford	32	13	11	8	42	31	50
Hull	33	14	7	11	47	43	49
Leyton Orient	31	12	9	10	42	43	45
York	31	12	8	11	42	31	44
Bradford	30	12	8	10	39	37	44
Cambridge Utd	32	11	8	13	42	47	41
Blackpool	33	12	4	17	49	57	40
Bournemouth	26	9	11	8	32	32	38
Wrexham	29	10	7	12	47	52	37
Swansea	29	9	10	10	33	37	37
Fulham	32	10	5	17	34	44	35
Brighton	30	8	10	12	33	44	34
Huddersfield	30	8	10	12	31	41	34
Rotherham	28	8	8	12	37	44	32
Cardiff	26	7	10	9	41	43	31
Exeter	27	6	9	12	33	48	27
Hartlepool	31	5	7	19	24	48	22
Barnet	29	2	8	19	25	56	14

Third division
Bury v Shrewsbury
Carlisle v Scarborough
Chester v Rochdale
Colchester v Torquay
Darlington v Chesterfield
Gillingham v Wycombe
Hereford v Scunthorpe
Mansfield v Crewe
Preston v Lincoln
Walsall v Northampton
Wigan v Doncaster

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe	28	16	7	5	59	41	55
Shrewsbury	27	14	8	5	42	29	50
Torquay	29	12	11	6	47	41	47
Wycombe	28	13	8	7	45	39	47
Chester	28	13	8	7	44	30	47
Preston	27	12	8	7	55	41	44
Bury	29	13	5	11	45	41	44
Walsall	29	12	8	9	34	34	44
Rochdale	27	11	8	8	44	27	41
Chesterfield	28	11	6	11	39	43	39
Mansfield	30	10	8	12	37	44	38
Scunthorpe	28	9	10	9	43	32	37
Colchester	28	10	6	12	43	52	36
Carlisle	29	9	9	11	35	31	36
Scarborough	29	10	6	13	35	41	36
Doncaster	30	10	6	14	33	42	36
Lincoln	27	9	7	11	39	44	34
Gillingham	28	8	10	10	32	36	34
Wigan	28	8	7	13	36	48	31
Darlington	29	6	9	14	33	47	27
Hereford	28	7	5	16	40	54	26
Northampton	28	4	8	16	28	51	20

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe v Winterton, Ashfield v Ossett Town, Brigg v Liversedge, Denaby v Belper, Eccleshill v North Ferriby, Hucknall v Sheffield, Ossett Albion v Maltby MW, Pontefract v Lincoln Utd; Stocksbridge v Thackley; Pickering v Glasshoughton.
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: West Bromwich v Burnley (1.0).

GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Dover
Gateshead v Welling ... P
Halifax v Merthyr
Kettering v Dag and Red
Kidderminster v Stafford
Northwich v Bath
Runcorn v Yeovil
Slough v Bromsgrove
Southport v Witton
Telford v Macclesfield
Woking v Stalybridge

Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Kilmarnock
Dundee v Hearts
Hibernian v Dundee Utd
Motherwell v Aberdeen
Partick v St Johnstone
Raith v Rangers

First division
Ayr v Morton
Dumbarton v Airdrie
Falkirk v Clyde
Hamilton v Dunfermline
St Mirren v Brechin
Stirling v Clydebank

Second division
Alloa v Queen of the South
Arbroath v Montrose
Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemuir
East Fife v Forfar
East Stirling v Meadowbank
Queen's Park v Berwick
Stranraer v Albion

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Hebburn, Blyth Spartans v Stockton, Consett v Dunston FB, Durham v Chester-le-Street, Eppleton CW v Newcastle Blue Star, Guisborough v Seaham Red Star; Murton v Ferryhill; Northallerton v West Auckland, Tow Law v Shildon
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second round: Finn Harps v Monaghan Utd (8.0), Sligo Rovers v Cork City (6.30).

Diadora League
Premier division
Grays v Yeading
Hayes v Enfield
Hitchin v Harrow
Kingstonian v Wokingham
Marlow v Hendon
Molesey v Stevenage Borough
Sutton Utd v Basingstoke
OTHER MATCHES: Aylesbury v Dorking, Chesham v Carshalton; Dulwich v St Albans; Wivenhoe v Bromley. First division: Abingdon Town v Maidenhead; Barking v Windsor and Eton, Berkhamsted v Staines; Bishops Stortford v Tooting and Mitcham; Croydon v Ruislip Manor; Heybridge Swifts v Billericay; Leyton v Chalfont St Peter, Wembley v Boreham Wood; Whyteleafe v Bognor Regis; Worthing v Purfleet. Second division: Aveley v Witham; Hampton v Edgware, Leatherhead v Hemel Hempstead, Malden Vale v Lewes; Metropolitan Police v Thame, Rainham v Egham, Saffron Walden v Barton, Ware v Tilbury. Third division: Bracknell v East Thurrock, Camberley v Leighton, Cheshunt v Hornchurch, Epsom and Ewell v Cove, Flackwell Heath v Hertford, Harefield v Royston, Horsham v Southall; Kingsbury v Clapton, Northwood v Harrow; Croydon City v Feltham and Hounslow
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Lamot Pils Trophy: Oldham Town v Haslingden. First division: Blackpool Rovers v Clitheroe; Chadderton v Kidsgrove Athletic; Flixton v Burscough; Maine Road v Bradford Park Avenue; Newcastle Town v Rossendale Utd. Penrith v Glossop North End: Prescot v Bootle. St Helens Town v Eastwood Hanley, Skelmersdale Utd v Salford City
SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge Utd v Leyton Orient, Charlton v Southend, Chelsea v Queens Park Rangers; Fulham v Watford, Ipswich v Gillingham, Millwall v Tottenham, Norwich v Arsenal: Portsmouth v West Ham. Second division: Brentford v Oxford Utd, Bristol Rovers v Reading, Colchester v Wimbledon, Southampton v Luton; Swindon v Crystal Palace: Tottenham v Bristol City

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Crawley, Burton v Dorchester, Cambridge City v Worcester, Chelmsford v Halesowen, Cheltenham v Waterlooville, Corby v Sittingbourne, Hastings v Gresley, Hednesford v Moor Green, Nuneaton v Bashley, Solihull v Farnborough. Midland division. Armitage v Redditch, Bedworth v RC Warwick; Bilston v Evesham, Dudley v Weston-super-Mare, Forest Green v Hinckley, Grantham v Ilkeston, King's Lynn v Clevedon, Newport AFC v Bridgnorth, Rushden and Diamonds v Leicester Utd, Tamworth v Stourbridge VS Rugby v Sutton Coldfield. Southern division: Baldock v Witney, Buckingham Town v Fareham; Bury Town v Weymouth, Fisher 93 v Canterbury; Gravesend and Northfleet v Newport IoW, Margate v Dunstable, Poole v Ashford, Salisbury v Braintree, Sudbury v Erith and Belvedere, Tonbridge v Burnham, Wealdstone v Havant
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris v Fakenham, Cornard v Norwich Utd, Felixstowe v March, Gorleston v Haverhill, Histon v Sudbury, Stowmarket v Lowestoft, Tiptree v Wroxham, Watton v Newmarket, Wisbech v Great Yarmouth
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE. Premier division: Accrington Stanley v Fleetwood, Boston Utd v Winsford, Bridlington v Horwich, Chorley v Leek, Droylsden v Buxton; Frickley v Hyde, Knowsley v Gainsborough, Marine v Bishop Auckland; Morecambe v Matlock, Whitley Bay v Colwyn Bay. Postponed: Emley v Barrow. First division: Alfreton v Great Harwood, Ashton v Harrogate, Caernarfon v Spennymoor; Congleton v Workington; Eastwood v Curzon Ashton, Gretna v Warrington. Guiseley v Bamber Bridge, Netherfield v Goole, Radcliffe v Lancaster, Worksop v Farsley Celtic
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Second division: Hereford v Exeter, Plymouth v Bournemouth, Torquay United v Cardiff, Yeovil v Cheltenham
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Coleraine, Cliftonville v Glentoran, Crusaders v Portadown; Distillery v Omagh Town, Glenavon v Carrick, Linfield v Bangor, Newry v Ballyclare

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES. Aberystwyth v Cwmbran (2.0), Afan Lido v Maesteg Park, Briton Ferry v Ebbw Vale, Caersws v Porthmadog, Haverfordwest v Inter Cardiff, Mold v Conwy, Ton Pentre v Llanelli (2.30). Postponed: Holywell v Newtown, Llansantffraid v Flint Town Utd

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Quarter-final
Castleford v Widnes
NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE (2.30): First division: Dewsbury Celtic v Beverley. Second division: Milford v Shaw Cross; Moldgreen v Barrow Island. Cup Semi-final. Blackbrook v Walney Central
BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Fourth round (2.0): Askam v Thatto Heath, Dalton v Lock Lane, Heworth v Normanton, Hull Dockers v Mayfield, Mysons v Oldham St Annes, Oulton v East Leeds, Ovenden v Wigan St Patricks, Saddleworth v West Hull, Woolston v Waterhead, Worth Village v York Acorn.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby v London Towers (8.0). Manchester v Doncaster (7.30), Oldham v Sunderland (8.0), Thames Valley v Chester (8.0), Worthing v Birmingham (8.0)
MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Crystal Palace, Plymouth v Bury; Sheffield v Brixton, Solent v Stockton. Second division: Chiltern v Stevenage, London Elephants v Mid Sussex; Northampton v Leicester.
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield v Brixton, Thames Valley v Rhondda. Second division: Plymouth v Harlesden; Spelthorne v London Heat. Sunderland v Manchester
JUNIOR MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Semi-final: Manchester v Barrow

RUGBY UNION

Pilkington Cup
Quarter-finals
Gloucester v Orrell
Harlequins v Sale
Leicester v Moseley (2.30)
Saracens v Bath (2.30)

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
London Irish v Wasps
Third division
Blackheath v Richmond (2.30)
Coventry v Morley
Fylde v Rosslyn Park (2.30)
Havant v Exeter (2.30)
Redruth v Bedford
Fourth division
Aspatria v Sudbury (2.30)
Broughton Park v Clifton (2.30)
Harrogate v Liverpool St Helens (2.15)
Leeds v Sheffield
Plymouth v Askeans (2.30)
Fifth division north
Bradford and Bingley v Kendal (2.15)
Rotherham v Durham (2.30)
Winnington Park v Stoke-on-Trent (2.30)
Fifth division south
Maidstone v North Walsham (2.30)
Met Police v Basingstoke

Swalec Cup
Sixth round
Cardiff v Bridgend (2.30)
Dunvant v Newbridge (2.30)
Llanelli v Llandovery (2.30)
Maesteg v Bonymaen (2.30)
Maesteg Celtic v S Wales Police (2.30)
Pontypridd v Swansea (2.30)
Tenby Utd v Narberth (2.30)
Ystradgynlais v Neath (2.30)

Heineken League
Second division
Glamorgan Wanderers v Penarth (2.30)
Llanharan v Treorchy (2.30)

McEwan's League
First division
Currie v Gala
Edinburgh Acads v West of Scotland
Hawick v Boroughmuir ... P
Kelso v Stewart's Mel FP
Melrose v Jed-Forest
Stirling County v Heriot's FP
Watsonians v Selkirk
Second division
Biggar v Peebles
Clarkston v Musselburgh
Dundee HSFP v Wigtownshire
Edinburgh Wdrs v Glasgow High/Kel
Glasgow Acads v Haddington
Grangemouth v Ayr
Preston Lodge v Kirkcaldy

Insurance Corporation League
First division
Blackrock Coll v Cork Constitution (2.30)
Greystones v Lansdowne (2.30)
St Mary's College v Old Wesley (2.30)
Wanderers v Garryowen (2.30)
Young Munster v Shannon (2.30)
Second division
Bangor v Ballina (2.30)
Dolphin v Old Crescent (2.30)
Galwegians v Ballymena (2.30)
Instonians v Old Belvedere (2.30)
Terenure v Malone (2.30)

Club matches
Abertillery v Tredegar (2.30)
Birmingham/Solihull v Stroud
Bristol v Aberavon (2.30)
Camborne v Penzance (2.30)
Cross Keys v Blaina (2.30)
Mountain Ash v Blackwood (2.30)
Newcastle Gosforth v West Hartlepool
Northampton v Wakefield (2.30)
Nottingham v London Welsh
Otley v Huddersfield (2.15)
Stourbridge v Worcester
Tynedale v Preston Grasshoppers (2.30)
Waterloo v Lichfield (2.30)
Wilmslow v Vale of Lune (2.30)
PILKINGTON SHIELD: Quarter-finals: North: Edwardian v Malvern (2.30), Keswick v Kidderminster Carolians (2.0). South. Hucclecote Old Boys v Old Public Oaks (2.45), Old Caterhamians v Old Hamptonians (2.30)

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division. Bournville v Cannock (Cannock HC 11.30)
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division. Bluebirds v Norwich City; Cambridge Univ v Old Southendian; Chelmsford v Bishops Stortford, Colchester v Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich v Crostyx; Peterborough Town v Luton, Redbridge and Ilford v Stevenage, Welwyn Garden City v Bedford Westcliff v Pelicans
ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE. Bloxwich v Leicester Westleigh, Hampton in Arden v Worcester Norton, Khalsa v Belper Lichfield v Finchfield; Olton and West Warwickshire v Coventry and North Warwickshire
ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH LEAGUE: Ben Rhydding v Alderley Edge, Blackburn v Formby; Durham University v Timperley, Norton v York Southport v Hightown-Northern
NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians v Oxford Hawks, Chichester v Hendon, Gore Court v Mid Sussex, Hampstead and Wm v Winchester, High Wycombe v Old Walcountians, Old Kingstonians v Fareham, Spencer v Dulwich, Staines v Maidenhead, Tulse Hill v City of Portsmouth, Wimbledon v Lyons

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE. Premier division: Basingstoke v Billingham, Cardiff v Bracknell, Fife v Peterborough, Humberside v Sheffield, Murrayfield v Durham, Nottingham v Whitley Bay. First division: Dumfries v Blackburn, Milton Keynes v Oxford, Paisley v Medway, Romford v Solihull, Slough v Telford, Streatham v Lee Valley, Swindon v Trafford

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE. Premier division: Horsham Angels v St Neots, Team Peniel v Satn Sedgefield v BFL Grove, Launceston v Vymura.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Thomas and Uber Cups, European zones (Glasgow)
BOXING. World Boxing Council super-middleweight championship. Nigel Benn v Henry Wharton. World Boxing Association super-middleweight championship: Michael Nunn v Steve Little (Earls Court)
REAL TENNIS: University match Leamington
ROWING. Oxford University Torpids, Cambridge University Lent races
SQUASH: Leekes Classic (Cardiff)

TOMORROW

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership
Chelsea v Tottenham (5.0)
Coca-Cola Cup
Semi-final, second leg
Aston Villa (1) v Tranmere (3)
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second round: Cobh Ramblers v Kilkenny City; Derry City v Bray Wanderers (3.30), Dundalk v Bohemians (3.30), Fermoy Utd v Limerick, Glebe North v Home Farm

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE. Chester v Guildford (7.0); Doncaster v Thames Valley (5.0), Leicester v Hemel Hempstead (6.0)
MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Brixton v Coventry; Crystal Palace v Solent. Second division: Liverpool v Lewisham; Swindon v Nottingham.
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich v Chester, Birmingham v Barking and Dagenham, Nottingham v Northampton, South Tyneside v London Jets; Rhondda v Sheffield.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Quarter-finals
Leeds v Bradford
St Helens v Doncaster
Wigan v Featherstone
Stones Bitter championship
Salford v Halifax
Second division
Batley v Huddersfield (3.15)
Bramley v Dewsbury
Carlisle v Highfield
Hunslet v Ryedale York (3.30)
London Crusaders v Barrow (3.30)
Swinton v Whitehaven
Workington v Rochdale

VOLLEYBALL

WOMEN'S ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Sale v Dynamo London (2.0), Brixton v Britannia Music City (2.0), Guildford v Portsmouth (2.30); Leeds v Wessex (2.0).

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bournville v Hounslow; Firebrands v Teddington Indian Gymkhana v Welton (Welton School, 2.0). Reading v Cannock; Slough v Canterbury; Southgate v Bromley; St Albans v East Grinstead. Stourport v Old Loughtonians, Trojans v Havant. Second division: Barford Tigers v Cheltenham, Doncaster v Guildford, Gloucester City v Oxford Univ, Harleston Magpies v Edgbaston; Isca v Sheffield, Neston v Cambridge City, Richmond v Harborne, Surbiton v Beeston, Warrington v Brooklands
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE. Premier division: Luton v Camb Univ.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff v Humberside, Durham v Peterborough, Murrayfield v Nottingham; Sheffield v Basingstoke, Billingham v Fife, Whitley Bay v Bracknell. First division: Blackburn v Guildford; Chelmsford v Streatham, Lee Valley v Oxford, Romford v Slough, Solihull v Medway, Telford v Dumfries, Trafford v Paisley

NETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Tongham v Toucans, Hertford v Aquila, Harborne v BICC, Linden v New Cambell. Second division: Academy v OPA, Crawley v Hirondelles, Henley v Vauxhall YWCA v Hornsey. Third division: Oaksway v Hucclecote, Weston Park v Essex Chevrons v Wokingham, Kelmscott v Wirral

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men's quarter-finals: Puma Sunderland v Repton School, Match Point Southampton v Windmill Hill, Hallamshire Sheffield v Royal Berkshire, David Lloyd Finchley v Clearview Brentwood
Women's quarter-finals. Puma Welwyn v Sutton Junior, Clearview Brentwood v Edgbaston Priory, Royal Berkshire v Alverstoke, Gosport, Surrey CC v Northumberland

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Thomas and Uber Cups, European zones (Glasgow)

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Saturday portrait: Severiano Ballesteros by John Hopkins, golf correspondent

Passionate rebel back to continue fight for old Ryder Cup cause

Severiano Ballesteros is playing golf once again. Three months since his last competitive round and after eight weeks of intensive physical training in the United States to cure his back troubles, Ballesteros, the sick man of Europe, has emerged in Jerez, to compete in his first golf tournament of 1994.

His comeback, at the Andalucian Open, began well enough as Ballesteros jauntily recorded scores of 70 and 71 to ensure his safe passage into the third round today.

Of greater importance was that Ballesteros has emerged from his self-enforced exile in the Arizona desert two stone lighter and burning with a cause. Without a cause, Ballesteros is merely mortal. With something to fight for, he is transformed into Don Quixote, Sancho Panza and Rosinante rolled into one.

Down the years, the objects of Ballesteros's anger have included caddies, photographers, fellow players and officials on both sides of the Atlantic. This time, it is the Spanish Golf Federation and what he perceives to be its lack of support for him over the destination of the 1997 Ryder Cup.

In three years, the Ryder Cup will be held in Spain, at a course yet to be chosen. Ballesteros wanted it to be held in Spain in 1993 and used every weapon to ensure it was, including an implied threat that if it was not he would find it hard to raise a head of steam for it. He lost that campaign when The Belfry received the nod, an unimaginative decision if ever there was one.

Now he is campaigning with all his might and main for the 1997 match to be staged at Novo Sancti Petri, near Cadiz, a course he designed and for which, allegedly, he has not yet been paid.

He believes that the Spanish federations's refusal to support Novo Sancti Petri over any other of the Spanish candidates is harming its chances. Furthermore, he believes the federation is secretly supporting the candidacy of one or more venues in Madrid and he does not like it.

At times like this, Ballesteros can be ruthless. Disagree with him and he is likely to sink into a sulk. At the recent Ryder Cup committee meeting to receive the presentations by the candidates for the 1997 match, Ballesteros, newly elected to the committee to replace Tony Jacklin, was loud in his support for Novo Sancti Petri. He banged the table, according to insiders. This is behaviour that hardly seems to be in harmony with the committee's intention of finding the most suitable venue, regardless of vested interests.

"If I had decided not to play in the 1983 Ryder Cup, it is possible the event would have disappeared altogether," Ballesteros said in high dudgeon last week. "It is incredible that these people are arm-wrestling with me when it is I who have brought the Ryder Cup here [to Spain]. My importance in this is undoubted. It is bad that I should say so, but I have to say it because no else says it."

> **'He is precious, one sportsman who can be said honestly to have a touch of genius'**

Ballesteros arrived in the world of golf like a brick through a stained glass window. He stormed around Royal Birkdale in the 1976 Open, dark-haired, tanned and tempestuous. One stroke of the 285 that he played on his way to joint second place behind Johnny Miller said everything about him. It was a pitch to the 72nd green, and he played it with such delicacy and daring that Lee Trevino, watching on television in Texas, let out a yelp of admiration.

He had come from simple beginnings, a farm at Pedreña, near Santander. His bedroom, a cattle shed, was windowless. In those days, the late Fifties, Pedreña had 500 inhabitants, one phone, and one television. The only car was owned by his uncle Ramón Sota, a distinguished professional golfer. In time, Ballesteros acquired nearly 70 titles worldwide, leading the expansion of golf on mainland Europe, while pursuing Carmen, the daughter if a rich banker.

This was another cause worthy of Ballesteros, and in due course he overcame the resistance of his future mother-in-law who had regarded him as socially inferior to her daughter. They have two sons, Baldomero, four this year, and Miguel, who will be two.

But last season was Ballesteros's worst. For the first time since 1976 he failed to win a tournament. He came 42nd on the money list, the lowest since his first season on tour. His back was sore, his humour resigned at best, glum at worst. His trip to the desert was his last throw.

Little is conventional about him. He is or has been argumentative, domineering, xenophobic, chauvinistic, manipulative, prodigious, arrogant, humble and gifted.

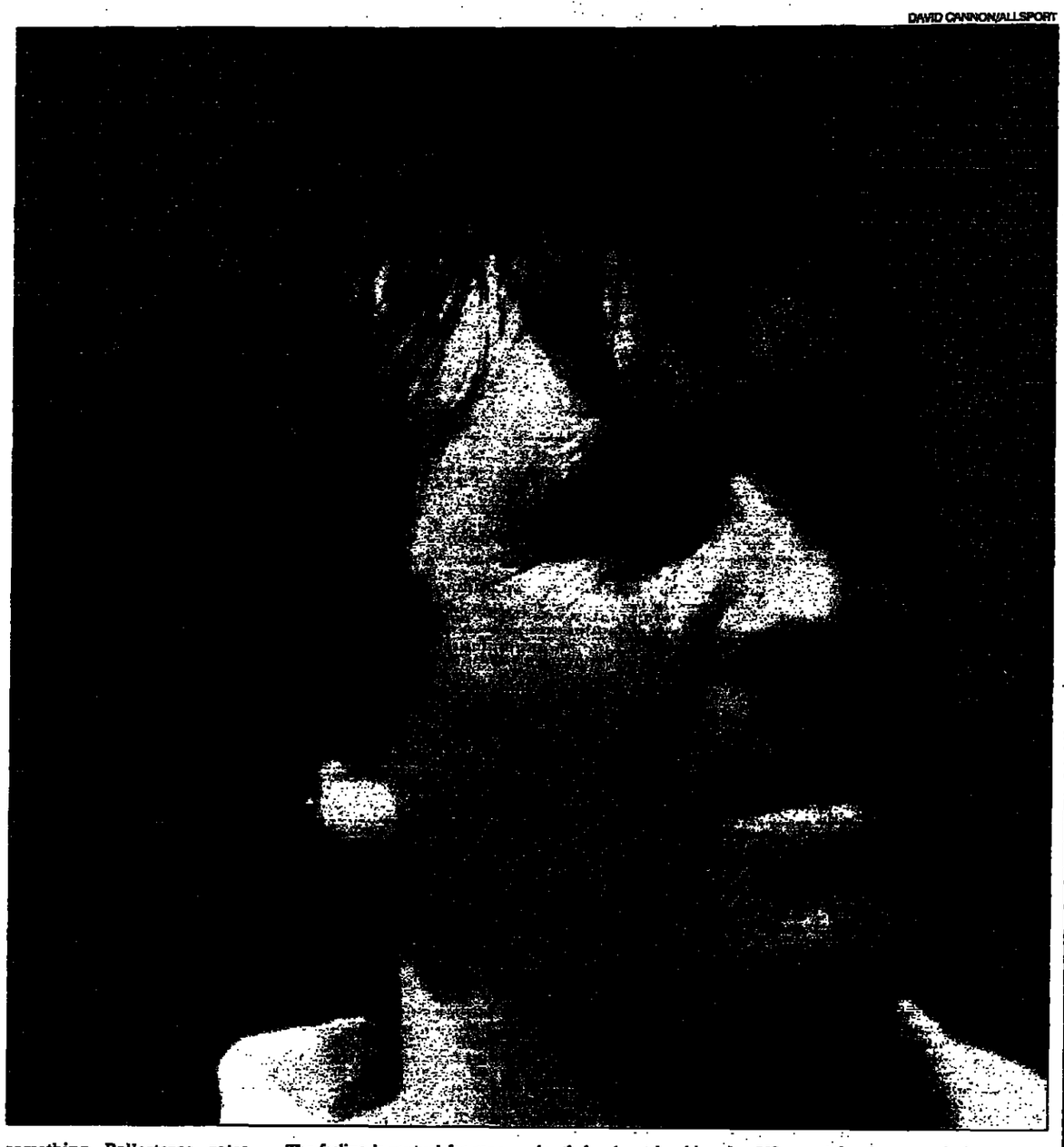
Unlike James Dean, Ballesteros was never a rebel without a cause. He had more causes than clubs in his bag. It was just a question of which one he chose to support. This latest outburst espouses two of his favourites — the Ryder Cup and the Americans.

It was during the 1983 Ryder Cup that Ballesteros played the most daring stroke to have been seen in post-war golf, one to rank alongside Bobby Jones's mashie to the 71st green that brought him victory in the 1926 Open at Lytham and Sandy Lyle's seven-iron from a fairway bunker on the 72nd hole of the 1988 Masters, which he won. From a bunker 240 yards from the green, Ballesteros cut up a three-wood shot causing the ball to bend ten yards in the air before it reached its target of the edge of the green.

Ballesteros had a cause then — to defeat the Americans and thanks in part to his skilful shepherding of Paul Way, the novice who was making his debut, Europe inched to within one point of doing so.

Defeating the Americans is something Ballesteros rates highly. For years, he did not understand them. He did not like their food, could not understand their language and was patronised by them. At one event in the United States he was welcomed on to the eighteenth green by a public address announcer who said: "Ladies and gentlemen, here is the tournament leader, Seve Ballesteros. Let's give the spic a big hand."

DAVID CANNON/ALLSPORT



The feeling is mutual for many Americans who regard the Spaniard as a hollow champion. Hale Irwin christened him the "parking lot champion" for the way he drove into a car park on the 16th hole at Lytham on his way to victory in the 1979 Open.

It gave them pleasure that Ballesteros, unable to cope with the narrow fairways and the penal rough of a typical US Open course, never made much of a fist of things in their championship, the US Open. To them, this proved that he was an incomplete champion.

Ballesteros will be 37 on April 9, during the US Masters, a prize he has won twice, in 1980 and 1983. His birthday will fall on the Saturday, the day of the third round. Will he still be playing or will he have missed the cut? The question with Señor Seve is not whether he can be as good as he once was. He cannot regain and sustain those magical moments when he was in a car park one minute and six feet from the flag the next. Too many short putts, too many swing faults, too many expectations have seen to that.

"How many times shall Caesar bleed in sport?" Brutus asked in *Julius Caesar*. Ballesteros, once a Caesar, has bled many times. The question is whether he can bleed once more, whether he can just once be as good as he was?

Nicklaus sorry after a round to forget

FROM MEL WEBB IN JEREZ, SPAIN

JACK Nicklaus set out to adorn one of his own masterpieces yesterday and ended up painting a moustache on it. Nicklaus, who designed the Montecastillo golf course on which the Turespana Andalucian Open is being played near here, had a triple bogey, three double bogeys and two bogeys on his way to a humbling 80. He missed the cut by five shots and went back to the drawing board, smarting from the disgrace of it all.

Nicklaus, playing in only the second PGA European Tour event of his long and brilliant career, had performed the official opening of the course on Wednesday, and the next day had been quietly pleased with his 69 in the first round of the tournament. Things were very different when he took on the 7,000 rolling yards of his creation 24 hours later.

Nicklaus had a hint of what was to come when he hit the green with his tee shot on the short 2nd and watched aghast as his ball flew over the green and buried itself in deep undergrowth. He took a penalty drop from an unplayable lie, and two-putted for a double-bogey five.

With the sun shining brightly out of a cloudless sky, but with a warm wind becoming more blustery by the minute, he was in trouble again on the next when he went into water and took another penalty drop. He could have been forgiven at that moment if he had asked himself who on earth had designed a course like this.

If what had already passed had not occurred, he might have been pleased enough with birdies at the 7th and 9th, but then came his biggest disaster of what was fast becoming a grisly experience: he went into what is no more than a huge building plot to the left of the fairway, took three to get out, hit his fifth shot on the green and took two putts for a triple-bogey seven. Would the old Jack Nicklaus have taken three to get out?, somebody asked. "The old Jack Nicklaus wouldn't have gone in there in the first place," he said.

He birdied the 12th from 20 feet, bogeyed the next when he three-putted from 40 feet and had his third double-bogey at the 15th when he hit another pile of rocks and could move the ball only a foot. A bogey on the 16th, where he three-putted, did little to make his day any more miserable, and soon after he had finished on 149, five over par. Exit one Golden Bear with a sore head.

"Basically I played pretty decently except for four shots that I hit to places I couldn't play from," he said. "Those shots cost me my round. I apologise to everybody for my play. I'm sorry it wasn't better."

Nicklaus was playing with Severiano Ballesteros, who reported no back problems as he continued a quietly satisfactory return to tournament golf with a 71 for a total of 141. "It was not easy for us playing in the wind in the afternoon," he said. "I have to improve, but overall I am pretty pleased."

The lead was taken by Peter Fowler, who had a 68 for a total of 135, nine under par, a shot in front of Jim Payne, with Juan Quiros, Jose Maria Olazabal and Carl Mason one further behind.

Fowler, a curiosity in that he is a quiet, retiring Australian, was out in the best of the weather in the morning, and had five birdies and a bogey, and Payne, playing in the same group, also put himself in a threatening position for the weekend with a 69.

Nicklaus, meanwhile, heads home tomorrow night with his sons, Gary, who made the cut, and Jackie, who did not. "They're playing golf next week," he said. "I'm going home to break my driver."

SECOND ROUND

GB and Ireland unless stated
135: P Fowler (Aus) 67, 68. 136: J Payne 67, 69. 137: J Quiros (Sp) 67, 70; C Mason 67, 70; J Olazabal (Sp) 69, 68. 138: J Cañizares (Sp) 69, 69; M Sunesson (Swe) 70, 68; R McFarlane 68, 70; R Drummond 69, 69. 139: K Eriksson (Swe) 69, 70; P Bates (US) 71, 68. 140: I Garrido (Sp) 73, 67; P Price 70, 70; P Eales 72, 68; G Brand Jr 71, 69; P Curry 69, 71; A Hunter 69, 71; I Palmer (SA) 69, 71. 141: P-U Johansson (Swe) 69, 72; G Turner (NZ) 68, 73; M McLean 74, 67; M Gates 70, 71, P Lawrie 71, 70; D R Jones 73, 68; G Manson 71, 70; J Townsend (US) 67, 74; D Ray 68, 73; S Watson 72, 69; S Ballesteros (Sp) 70, 71. F Nobilo (NZ) 68, 73. 142: J Cocores (Arg) 70, 72; T Muñoz (Sp) 69, 73; R Claydon 71, 71; S Grappasonni (It) 73, 69, M Gronberg (Swe) 72, 70, M Zerman (It) 71, 71, J Lomas 69, 73, A Lebouc (Fr) 74, 68; I Spencer 69, 73, R Chapman 68, 74; M Roe 72, 70.



Montgomerie an all-round blue



A Northamptonshire cricketer has turned his attentions to real tennis. **Sally Jones** reports

One of Oxford's finest all-rounders is trying to earn his stripes as captain in yet another sport this weekend. Richard Montgomerie, 22, better known as a Northamptonshire and Oxford University cricketer, is a former winner of the Foster Cup, the elite public schools rackets event, and has won a half blue for Oxford at rackets. He has turned his talents to real tennis and after only three years in the sport looks one of the best up-and-coming amateurs in Britain.

In Leamington, Montgomerie is leading Oxford in an attempt to reverse their 4-2 defeat last year by Cambridge in the University match. Oxford took a 2-0 lead after the doubles yesterday, putting them in a strong position for the singles today, with Montgomerie and Guy Rawstorne beating Thorold Barker and Tom Bristowe, the Cambridge first pair, in straight sets. "We have got real strength in depth," Montgomerie said, "with some tough competitors."

Listening to him discuss the sport passionately, it is hard to believe that Montgomerie is a fourth-year chemistry student with finals looming and the next two summers in which to make his mark as a professional cricketer. His dream is to add senior international honours to the England cap he won at under-19 level. His priority is to become a fixture in the Northamptonshire first team; he opened the batting for them once last season, but played mostly for the second XI. "I'm very lucky to have the contract," he said. "The salary is a decent wage for the holidays and makes me far richer than students simply on a grant."

Montgomerie looks the schoolboy hero. Modest, with a shy grin that conceals enormous determination, he describes his batting as "dogged and methodical with, I hope, a dash of flair" and relishes the opportunities for top-level competition which his Oxford career has given him. "It's superb. We play the tourists each year — last summer it was Australia and Shane Warne got me out — and this time we're playing New Zealand in June. I suppose one of the greatest moments in my cricketing career came in 1992 when Oxford beat Middlesex with Gatting, Tufnell and Fraser all in the side. It was our first win for 17 years in a first-class match and I scored 103, fairy-tale stuff really. It hinged on them setting us a gettable target and, yes, I suppose my century was crucial."

Montgomerie could not have a better sporting pedigree. His mother, a keen tennis player, competed at junior Wimbledon and his father, now deputy head of Rugby school, played cricket for Oxfordshire. Montgomerie himself was born in a house overlooking the first XI pitch and the rackets courts. Under the tutelage of Mick Norman, he excelled at cricket at his prep school, Bilton Grange.

Having to cope with academic work as well, it has taken Montgomerie longer to move into the senior sporting ranks. "My tutors have been incredibly understanding and allowed me to do my lab work in the autumn and spring, leaving the summers clearer for my cricket. Once I leave Oxford, I shall be looking for a job to tide me over the winters. I had considered working as an assistant real tennis professional because it would fit in with the seasons, but the idea of stringing rackets and making balls puts me off, and I would prefer to keep playing as an amateur and perhaps try to get something in sports public relations."

Montgomerie specialises in physical chemistry and is working on research into the reactive spreading of drops. One application might be to develop a product that would get rid of the need for windscreen wipers. It is often hard, repetitive work and sport provides the perfect antidote.

"Research can be frustrating at times and the beauty of playing sport is the way you can forget yourself during a match. Real tennis is such a subtle, thinking game, with elements of both rackets and cricket, that it's a huge challenge to me. The great temptation is to play it too flamboyantly, like I play my rackets. In cricket, I've learnt to think when things get tough and to be more controlled."



Montgomerie, of Oxford, practises for the University real tennis match. Photograph: Robin Mayes

Pakistan in control as Waqar pounces

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WAQAR Younis and Wasim Akram, the Pakistan pace attack, ripped through New Zealand's first innings on the second day of the third Test match in Christchurch yesterday to put the touring team on course for a 3-0 series win.

New Zealand hit back by dismissing Pakistan's openers in their second innings to leave them on eight for two at the close, but the touring team still has an overall lead of 152 after New Zealand's first innings total of 200.

In the morning, the last three wickets of Pakistan's first innings fell for ten runs but Basit Ali still completed his first Test century.

Waqar, with six for 78, proved New Zealand's chief antagonist, only Andrew Jones, in his last Test, resisting with a stylish 81. When Pakistan resumed, Saeed Anwar and Aamir Sohail were both quickly out to catches.

Geoff Howarth, the New Zealand coach, was surprised how much swing Pakistan got from the old ball. "No one has come up with a satisfactory explanation," he said.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar c Young b Doull	69
Aamir Sohail c Hartland b Doull	60
Atif Rauf c Greatbatch b Morrison	16
†Salim Malik b Hart	18
Basit Ali c Hartland b Pringle	103
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Greatbatch b Doull	5
†Rashid Latif c Hartland b Thomson	27
Wasim Akram c Greatbatch b Morrison	5
Akram Raza not out	29
Waqar Younis c Doull b Morrison	2
Aamir Nazir b Morrison	0
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 8)	10
Total	344

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-125, 2-147, 3-159, 4-195, 5-208, 6-254, 7-281, 8-339, 9-344.
BOWLING: Morrison 24-3-105-4; Doull 25-3-93-3; Pringle 33-6-83-1; Hart 9-2-37-1; Thomson 6-0-20-1.

Second Innings

Saeed Anwar c Blain b Morrison	0
Aamir Sohail c Young b Doull	3
Atif Rauf not out	3
Akram Raza not out	2
Total (2 wkts)	8

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4.
BOWLING: Morrison 4-3-2-1; Pringle 2-0-4-0; Doull 2-0-2-1.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B R Hartland c Basit b Waqar	3
B A Young lbw b Nazir	36
A H Jones run out	81
*K R Rutherford c Inzamam b Waqar	7
M J Greatbatch lbw b Wasim	1
S A Thomson c Rashid b Waqar	3
†T E Blain lbw b Waqar	0
M N Hart lbw b Wasim	6
S B Doull lbw b Waqar	17
D K Morrison not out	6
C Pringle b Waqar	0
Extras (b 5, lb 9, nb 24)	38
Total	200

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-109, 3-134, 4-139, 5-147, 6-147, 7-171, 8-186, 9-198.
BOWLING: Wasim 22-5-54-2; Waqar 19-1-78-6; Nazir 15-2-54-1.

Benn vulnerable to Wharton's power

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

NIGEL Benn faces the toughest contest of his life, tougher even than his first bout with Chris Eubank in 1990, when he defends his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title against Henry Wharton, of York, at Earls Court tonight.

This is because Benn, 30, is four years older and has lost that intensity with which he went after Eubank. He does not punch as hard as he used to or as often, preferring to look busy, bobbing and weaving, and wait for his openings.

His chin, which was never able to take a good, crisp jab, as Anthony Logan showed in 1988, is even more vulnerable these days. That bout with Eubank drained him. He has not been the same fighter since. It is hard to forget how a non-puncher like Mauro Galvano, of Italy, who ran like a scared chicken all night, almost finished Benn off in the last ten seconds with a little jab.

Wharton, the British and Commonwealth champion, is not only four years younger but, technically, a better boxer than Eubank. The Yorkshireman cannot hit as hard as Eubank but he can punch hard enough. He has stopped 13 of his 18 opponents.

Benn is odds on with the bookmakers, which is not surprising considering his high profile and formidable record of 32 knockouts in 40 contests, though many of the earlier bouts were, as Benn himself says, against "Mexican road sweepers". It is really an even-money fight between two punchers, with the man who can take it on the chin coming out the winner. That man seems likely to be Wharton. It would be surprising if, among the experts, there is a betting man who has not put money on Wharton to win inside the distance.

Even if Wharton has not been hit by anyone who can hit as hard as Benn, there can be little doubt, even in the minds of Benn's most ardent supporters, that Wharton's chin is sounder than the champion's. As Wharton's manager, Mickey Duff, said about his man, with some managerial licence: "He has the best chin of any fighter I've been involved with."

Therefore, providing Wharton does not get caught with a lucky punch while still cold, it is possible to see him wearing down Benn and stopping him any time from the sixth round. Benn always seems to tire around that time against bigger men, like he did against Sugar Boy Malinga. Wharton is a full super-middleweight, while Benn is still very much a blown-up middleweight.

The champion has a healthy respect for the challenger. He has studied Wharton's bouts closely and made his plans accordingly. "He's a tough hombre," Benn said. "I've trained harder for this fight than for Eubank. That was more of a mental fight than this. I had quite a lot left in the tank after that one.

"This is the sort of fight I like. I am 30, more mature, and have been in with good people and that's going to be good for me. I know Henry Wharton: double left hook, jab and then downstairs. He's powerful but there's not an awful lot to study. It's not as if I'm fighting Sugar Ray Leonard. I know what I need to know."

Wharton, too, has studied Benn and trained under the instructions of Duff, who masterminded Benn's defeat by Michael Watson. "I know Benn is a smarter fighter these days than he used to be," Duff said. "But I've had Wharton training with a Benn-type fighter and Henry throws all the punches for a ducker and diver. I can't see Benn fiddling his way to a points win. They will meet head on. Wharton will nail him."

Doncaster's hopes hang by thinnest of threads

By Christopher Irvine

THE legendary failure of Doncaster — the pit props of the rugby league championship in 12 of 43 inglorious years — was immortalised by the Seventies television documentary *Another Bloody Sunday* and tempts an inescapable conclusion about their Challenge Cup quarter-final trip to St Helens tomorrow.

At Tattersfield, scene of their fifth-round ousting of Oldham, Doncaster might have fancied their slim chances. The mood St Helens are in and, with the supporters at Knowsley Road at last standing by their team, the odyssey of the only second division survivors should instead have an abrupt ending.

After nearly a lifetime in the last-chance saloon, Doncaster are outsiders for promotion



Schofield: scrum half

this season. Tony Fisher, the former Great Britain hooker, has helped bring about the change, although no amount of coaching can, realistically, close the chasm between the haves and have-nots.

Fisher has been forced, during Doncaster's record-winning run, to sell Carl Hall, the New Zealand centre, to Bradford Northern. "A lot of our moves were based around him but when a big club comes knocking, for his and the club's sake, you can't say no," Fisher said.

Their fellow quarter-finalists are a mixture of the great, meaning Wigan, and the good. Featherstone Rovers really should become victims No 34 in the holders' quest for a seventh successive Challenge Cup, but these days Central Park is a place of fainter hearts which Hull sent into palpitations in the previous round. In recovering from a 21-2 deficit, Wigan tapped a quite phenomenal inner strength.

While Wigan's cup triumphs look fated to continue, a cup jinx hangs over Leeds and Bradford. Their clash at Headingley is easily the most intriguing. However, having lost eight semi-finals between them since Leeds's last Wembley victory in 1978, an air of unreality dogs both sides' ambitions.

Doug Laughton, the Leeds coach, persists with Garry Schofield in the unfamiliar position of scrum half, aware that the same decision cost David Ward, his predecessor, the coaching job, after Bradford exposed Schofield's vulnerability in the same competition three years ago.

Schofield's confrontation at scrum half with Deryck Fox is matched by that between Mike Ford, of Castleford, and Bobby Goulding, of Widnes, in the televised tie today. After watching videos of Ford helping Castleford run up 122 points in their last two outings, Phil Larder, the Widnes coach, turned to their recent defeat by St Helens for light relief.

Larder was Ford's first rugby master at Saddleworth School. "He was exceptional then and we built a side around him that won the Oldham championship," he said. Widnes, and his former teacher, risk being taught a lesson this afternoon.

David Howes yesterday ended a 20-year career with the Rugby Football League that helped revive a moribund sport. With David Oxley, who retired as chief executive in 1992, the pair brought dynamism to running the game.

As public relations executive, Howes, 42, generated an estimated £15 million in sponsorship and was responsible for moving the Premiership Trophy finals to Old Trafford and staging international matches at Wembley. Howes is setting up a public relations agency in Leeds and is succeeded at Chapeltown Road by Harry Gration, the radio commentator.

Bowls back on a roll in quest for support of television

David Rhys Jones on a sport poised to reclaim its audience on the small screen

This year, it seems, bowls is making a comeback on television, with three important events being screened. Yesterday, the cameras started rolling at the Churchill Insurance world indoor championships at the Guild Hall, Preston. Coverage of the Commonwealth Games in August will be followed in the autumn by a new world event.

The story of the rise and fall and rise again of bowls as a televised sport cannot be told without reference to snooker and darts. All three have special qualities which suit the small screen.

The repetitive actions of the players, the gentle pace and, in the case of snooker and bowls, the green baize that fills the screen, create a reassuringly soothing, moving picture without making demands on the viewer.

Not that it is boring. If you pay scant attention, all sports are soporific. Attention to detail, however, reveals skill, tension, aggression, drama and emotion.

It was its similarity to snooker and darts that commended bowls to Nick Hunter, then head of sport at BBC North, in the early Eighties. To the surprise of the all-action brigade, Hunter took pub games and transformed them into small-screen sports with cult status.

Bowls, he predicted, would go the same way, and perhaps further. It grew quickly, attracting generous audiences. The 1984 United Kingdom singles final was watched by 7.4 million. *Jack High*, an annual BBC2 series, had been going for some time. It was joined by the world indoor singles, world indoor pairs, UK indoor singles on BBC, and *Superbowl* on ITV.

Bowls became, briefly, the fourth biggest televised sport. It had the sporting demeanour of the participants, a deceptive gentility, and the suspense lent by the delay between despatch and arrival up to 40 yards away.

Ironically, the factor that might have been calculated to induce a yawn actually creates tension. On its circuitous course, a bowl takes up to 15 seconds to reach its destination.

Bowls is accustomed to swings — bias is its stock in trade. Perversely, programme planners seemed to lose interest following the most exciting game witnessed on television. ITV dropped *Superbowl* after David "The Pink Panther" Corkill had edged home dramatically against Margaret "Super Gran" Johnston, in the 1985 final.

The two world events — singles and pairs — were sardined uncomfortably into one. The UK singles fell by the wayside. *Jack High* was ditched.

Now, it seems, the wheel of fortune is favouring Drake's ancient sport. The women's world indoor singles championship in Cumbernauld may be televised in April and only in Scotland, but the omens are good. That was where the birth of televised indoor bowls began, with the 1978 men's world championships.

IAN LOMAS



Behind the gentility of bowls lies a suspense television is rediscovering

Champion Corsie repels student threat

NOT without alarms and excursions, Richard Corsie, the holder, survived his first match in the Churchill Insurance world indoor bowls championship at Preston yesterday, defeating Ian McClure, of Ireland, 7-5, 4-7, 7-2, 7-0 (Gordon Allan writes).

McClure, 20, a college student from Coleraine, could have gone two sets up. He was unlucky to lose the first, in which he matched Corsie bowl for bowl, and laid the foundations of success in the second with four shots, all drawn, on the opening end.

He began to waver in the third set, delivering too many short woods, and Corsie took only two ends to win the fourth. The set scores tell the story of the match, from McClure's sparkling start to Corsie's powerful finish.

Corsie, who works for the Post Office in Edinburgh, said: "My form wasn't great, but it wasn't bad either. Ian played well, and I could easily have been two sets down and on the rack."

Corsie's next opponent is Mervyn King, the former English champion. They met last year in a quarter-final that went the distance.

In the pairs, Tony Allcock and David Bryant, six times winners in eight years, qualified for the quarter-finals when the beat Gary Lawson and Sid Giddy, of New Zealand, 5-7, 7-2, 7-0, 7-5. They will play David Corkill and Alan McMullan, of Ireland, on Tuesday.

After a tentative first set, Bryant settled on to a good length, while Giddy, the opposing lead, started to drop short. With Allcock playing brilliantly, the match seemed to be running away from the New Zealanders, but they recovered to lead 5-4 in the fourth set before Allcock, with only inches to play with, drew the winner.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Martin siblings move into finals

THIS week started badly enough in Cardiff for the Martin squash family, from Australia, when Rodney, the former world champion, lost in the second round of the Leekes Classic to Chris Walker, of England, but his brother and sister made amends in the early semi-finals yesterday (Colin McQuillan writes). Brett Martin started with a 40-minute 15-6, 13-15, 15-7, 15-14 dismissal of Rodney Eyles, his Brisbane training partner, which takes him into a final today.

Michelle Martin, the women's world champion, also reached the finals with a 28-minute 15-10, 15-10, 15-11 win against Suzanne Horner, of Wakefield, the British champion. That may have had something to do with the day's rest granted the Australian by an unbalanced tournament schedule that gave Horner only 12 hours to recover from her 77-minute 11-15, 15-7, 16-17, 15-13, 15-13 quarter-final against Sue Wright, of Kent.

England edged out

BADMINTON: The England women were beaten 3-2 by top-seeded Denmark in the Uber Cup world team championships in Glasgow yesterday. Today they must beat Sweden, the second seeds, who suffered a surprise 3-2 defeat by Russia. The Russians will play in the world team finals for the first time in Djakarta in May. It is still possible England will fail to get there despite a superb win for Joanne Wright and Gillian Gowers over Lotte Olsen and Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen, the world bronze medal-winners.

There was also a fine victory for Alison Humby over Anne Sondergaard, the Danish No 3. The decider, however, was won by Marlene Thomsen and Anne Mette Bille, who beat Gill Clark and Julie Bradbury 15-9, 6-15, 15-10.

Winds create lottery

YACHTING: Changing winds reduced the Whitbread Round the World Race to a lottery last night as the 14-strong fleet fanned out across the Southern Ocean in search of a better breeze. Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss Maxi, *Merit*, gained most from this sudden change, sweeping into the lead. Lawrie Smith's *Intrum Justitia* led the Whitbread 60 class, about 300 miles south of *Merit*. *Enza New Zealand* was yesterday held up more than 2,000 miles from Cape Horn. On the fortieth day of the attempt to sail around the world in 80 days, she completed just 87.9 miles, her shortest daily run.

Towers move on

BASKETBALL: British basketball's move towards bigger arenas gathered pace yesterday when it was announced that London Towers, the Budweiser League club, are to play home matches at Wembley Arena from March 10. Birmingham Bullets already play in the city's National Indoor Arena, while plans are also in hand for other league teams to move to bigger venues. Mike Potter, the Wembley general manager, said: "We are very excited about the prospect of league basketball at Wembley. It is undoubtedly the fastest growing sport in the world and the potential is enormous."

Postle chases victory

CYCLING: Matthew Postle, three times a runner-up in the first time trial classic of the season, the North Road CC's 25 miles hard-riders event, intends to win it for the first time tomorrow, on the testing Hertfordshire course. The Welsh international, who trains five hours a day, sees the event as part of his warm-up for the Commonwealth Games, where he leads his country's four-man squad in the 100 kilometres team time trial. Starting a minute behind him will be Zachary Carr. Stuart Dangerfield, the hill-climb champion of Britain, is the favourite.

Havant close in on title

HOCKEY: Victory over Trojans at Stoneham Lane tomorrow will leave Havant needing only one point from their last match against Slough to regain the Pizza Express national league title. Trojans beat them 3-0 in the Hampshire Cup final last season, but a repeat seems unlikely as their talented Australians, Andrew Deane and Scott Jennison, have returned home. Hounslow, in top form last week with a 3-0 win over Teddington, travel to Birmingham University at full strength for the televised match against Bournville with only a slender hope of keeping their title.



FOR THE RECORD

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GLASGOW: Thomas Cup: European zone: Group W: Denmark 5 Russia 0; Poland 4 Norway 1, Austria 4 Belorussia 1. Group X: Holland 5 Canada 0. Group Y: England 5 Scotland 0. Group Z: Sweden 5 New Zealand 0; Norway 3 New Zealand 2. Final group placings: Group W: 1, Denmark; 2, Russia; 3, Austria, 4, Belorussia. Group X: 1, Finland; 2, Holland; 3, Canada; 4, Switzerland. Group Y: 1, England; 2, Scotland; 3, Poland; 4, Iceland. Group Z: 1, Sweden; 2, Germany; 3, Norway; 4, New Zealand.

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ATHLETICS

LIVERPOOL: Indoor high jump: Men: 1, J Sotomeyor (Cuba) 2.36m; 2, S Smith (GB) 2.36; 3, D Grant (GB) 2.34; 4, B Reilly (GB) 2.34.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 94 (Thomas 27, Harrell 23), Derby 83 (Marriott 25, Stanton 16).

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round: Group A: Barcelona 90 Real Madrid 64; Guildford Kings 75 (Henton 25, Hubbard 13, Brown 13); Benetton Treviso 76 (Mannion 20, Vianni 20). Group B: Benfica (Por) 72 Pau-Orthez (Fr) 74; Canu (It) 81 Cibona Zagreb (Cro) 114; Panetrinaikos (Gr) 69 Virtus Bologna (It) 75

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 110 Dallas 116; Houston 93 New York 75; Minnesota 101 Phoenix 120; Sacramento 102 Los Angeles Lakers 90

BOWLS

PRESTON: World indoor championships: Singles: First round: W Richards (Eng) bt L Webley (Wales) 6-7, 7-2, 7-4, 7-5, A Allcock (Eng) bt B Bisson (Jer) 7-5, 7-4, 7-4; R Corsie (Scot) bt I McClure (Ire) 7-5, 4-7, 7-2, 7-0 Pairs: First round: A Allcock and D Bryant (Eng) bt G Lawson and S Giddy (NZ) 5-7, 7-2, 7-0, 7-5.

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ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Torino 0 Ancona 0 (Ancona win 1-0 on agg)

SPANISH LEAGUE: Rayo Vallecano 1 Valencia 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: São Paulo: Ponte Preta 1 São Paulo 1

GOLF

LA JOLLA, California: Men's tournament: First round: (US unless stated): 65: D Martin, D Toms, R Black. 66: L Clements, E Dougherty, S Verplenk, R Gunn 67: M Smith, T Tryba, V Singh (Fiji), R Cochran, P Stankowski, B Chamblee, S Lowery, M Carnevale, C Stadler, F Funk, T Demsey British scores: 69: D A Russell. 72: D Feherty

CASTLE HILL, Sydney: Men's tournament: Second round (Australia unless stated): 135: P Senior 68, 67. 136: A Palmer 72, 64. 137: K Tomori (Japan) 70, 67. 138: A Gilligan 71, 67, C Gray 70, 68, D Ecob 70, 68; E Boult (NZ) 69, 69. 139: C Jones 68, 71; J Senden 70, 69; R Wilis 70, 69. 140: G Stratfold 70, 70; J Evans 72, 68; L Wastle 69, 71; S Owen (NZ) 68, 72, T Harron (US) 72, 68; S Conran 69, 71; S Appleby 71, 69 British score: 150: B Jackson 76, 74.

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Second round: 134: Chen Tse-chung (Taiwan) 66, 68 136: T Pernice (US) 68, 68; S Fleach (US) 67, 69, 137: R Freres (Par) 71, 66, C McClellan (US) 70, 67; M Tschaiser (US) 67, 70; J Maggert (US) 66, 71; G Webb (US) 66, 71 British scores: 138: B Lane 68, 70 143: R Rafferty 69, 74 144: C Montgomerie 75, 69.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 3 Hartford 0; Florida 1 Washington 2; New Jersey 1 New York Rangers 3; Ottawa 6 San Jose 4; Philadelphia 5 New York Islanders 4 (OT); Pittsburgh 2 Anaheim 2 (OT); Quebec 6 St Louis 0; Chicago 6 Winnipeg 3; Calgary 0 Tampa Bay 4.

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON: Scottish Equitable University match: Oxford lead Cambridge 2-0 (Oxford names first). R Montgomerie and G Rawstorne bt T Barker and T Bristowe 6-1, 6-3, 6-3, H Birts and R Edwards bt N Baker and C Atheson-Gray 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.

SQUASH

CARDIFF: Welsh Classic men's tournament: Men: Quarter-finals: B Martin (Aus) bt R Norman (NZ) 15-13, 11-15, 15-5, 15-6; C Walker (Eng) bt A Hill (Aus) 15-12, 12-15, 15-10, 15-14. Semi-finals: Martin bt R Eyles (Aus) 15-5, 13-15, 15-7, 15-14 Women: Quarter-finals: S Horner (Eng) bt S Wright (Eng) 11-15, 15-7, 16-17, 15-13, 15-13; L Irving (Aus) bt C Nitch (SA) 15-8, 15-8, 13-15, 15-11 Semi-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt Horner 15-10, 15-10, 15-11.

TENNIS

EASTBOURNE: LTA men's satellite tournament: Quarter-finals: L Manta (Swe) bt B Galik (Slovakia) 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; R Matheson (Scot) bt T Krosiak (Slovakia) 6-2, 7-6, M Bernard (SA) bt B Gyetvo (Can) 7-5, 7-5, E Ferreira (SA) bt A Beusi (Fr) 2-6, 6-0, 7-6.

ROTTERDAM: Men's tournament: Second round: M Stich (Ger) bt D Vacek (Cz Rep) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt K Carlsson (Den) 6-1, 6-2; P Haarhuis (Hol) bt R Agenor (Hait) 6-1, 6-4. Quarter-finals: W Ferreira (SA) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Hol) bt A Volkov (Russ) 7-5, 6-4

INDIAN WELLS, California: Women's tournament (US unless stated) Second round: M Fernandez bt A Maur 6-4, 7-6. A Coetzer (SA) bt R White 6-2, 6-1; J Wiesner (Austria) bt T Whitinger 6-3, 7-6. L Davenport bt E Reinach (SA) 6-2, 6-1

MEXICO CITY: Men's tournament: Second round: M Patchey (GB) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-4, 6-3. D Rikl (Cz) bt R Smith (Bah) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; T Muster (Austria) bt F Fontang (Fr) 6-4, 7-6; M Rush (Ven) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 6-4, 0-6, 7-5; S Doseciel (Cz) bt M Filippini (Uru) 6-4, 7-5

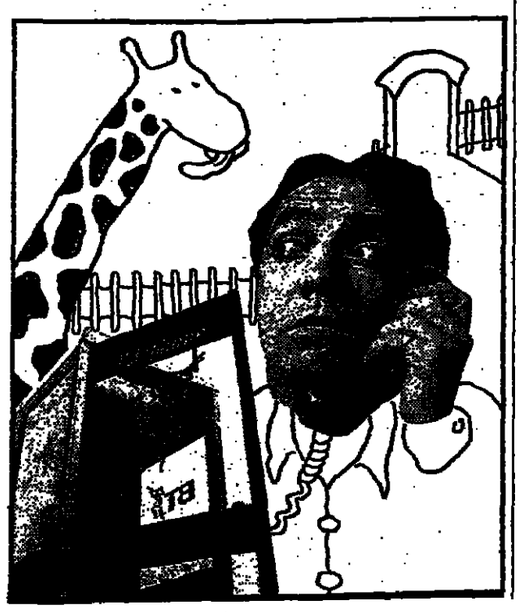
SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Men's tournament (US unless stated). Second round: M Washington bt J Palmer 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; K Braasch (Ger) bt A Krickstein 2-6, 7-6, 7-6; S Pescosolido (It) bt J Tarango 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, J Burillo (Sp) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-4, 6-2

YACHTING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: (leading positions at 14:00GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay). Maxi class: 1, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 3,972 miles; 2, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 3,982; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 4,026, 4, Uruguay Natural (G Venzini, Uru) 4,334. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 3,982; 2, Winston (B Butterworth, US) 3,987; 3, * Brookfield (G Maisto, It) 4,015, 4, Galicia 93, Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 4,021; 5, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 4,031, 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 4,038; 7, Yamaha (R Reid, NZ) 4,060; 8, * Heineken (D Riley, US) 4,081

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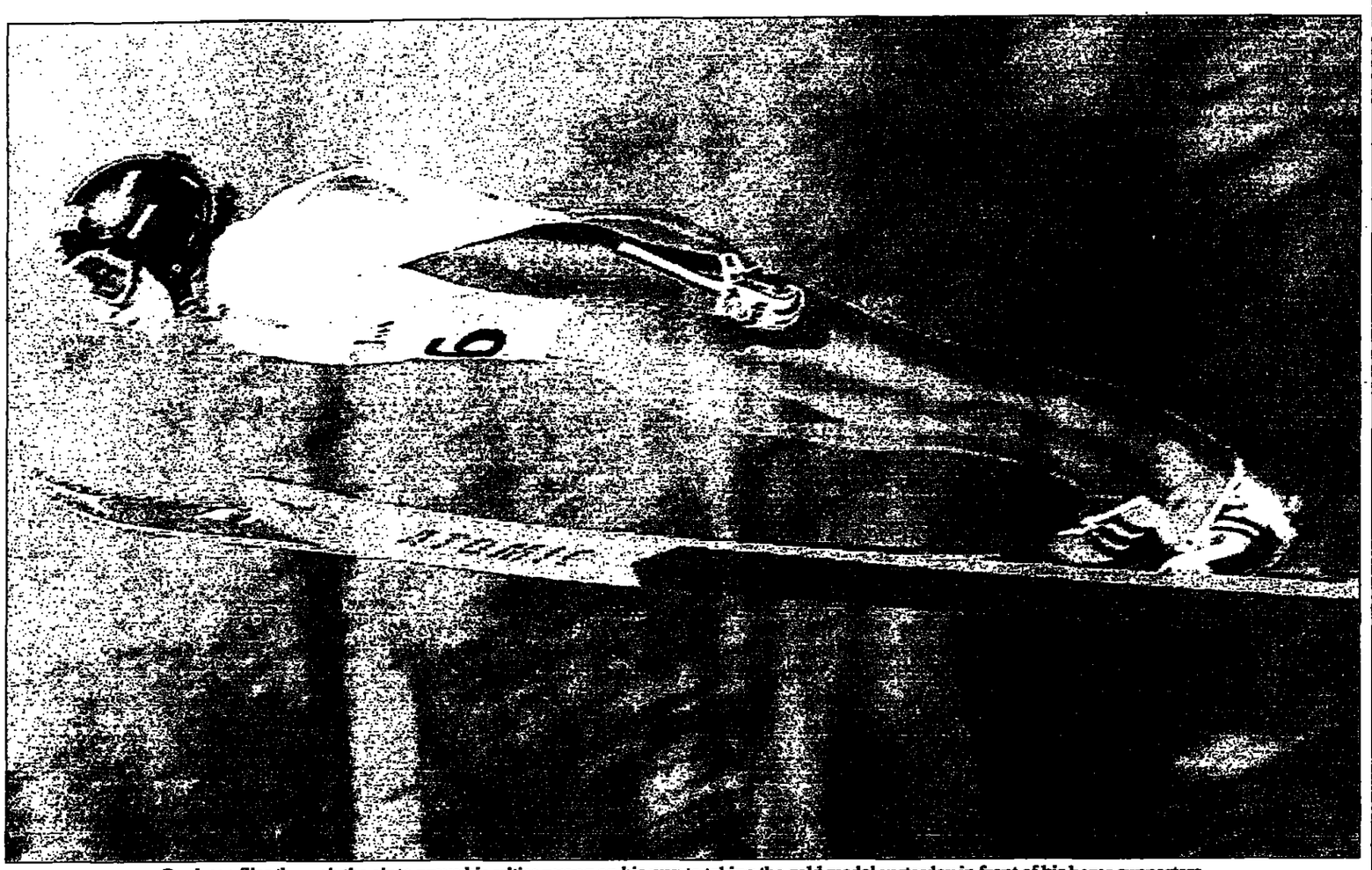
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'Epsen the Eagle' swoops to conquer Lillehammer hill

From last to first for Bredesen



Bredesen flies through the air to prove his critics wrong on his way to taking the gold medal yesterday in front of his home supporters

FROM OUR SPORTS STAFF IN LILLEHAMMER

ESPEN Bredesen, the Norwegian ski jumper who finished last in Albertville two years ago to claim the name "Espen the Eagle", swooped down the Lillehammer 90-metre hill yesterday to another gold medal for the host country.

Lifted by the roar of the 30,000 crowd, Bredesen set a hill record of 104 metres on his second jump for a clear points win over his young teammate, Lasse Ottesen.

Dieter Thoma, of Germany, took the bronze, but the veteran, Jens Weissflog, who beat Bredesen on the 120-metre hill and helped the Germans to win the gold medal in the team event, had to settle for fourth place in his last Olympic appearance. "It was real revenge," Bredesen said.

It was a remarkable Olympic turnabout for Bredesen, who finished last on the 90-metre hill at Albertville and third-to-last on the 120-metre hill after failing to master the V-style jumping technique then revolutionising the sport.

The performance earned him the nickname "Espen the Eagle", derived from Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards, Britain's happy loser from the 1988 Games in Calgary.

Bredesen put all that behind him yesterday, taking a points lead over Ottesen in the first jump of 100.5 metres and three of five perfect 20s for technique.

Jumping last in the second round and with Ottesen still the one to beat, Bredesen produced the biggest jump of the day. His 104-metre jump earned him 142 points for a total of 282 against Ottesen's 268 and Thoma's 260.5.

Bredesen said the cheers of the crowd — buoyed by the earlier clean sweep by Norway in the Alpine skiing combined event — had helped him to focus his aggression on the jump.

Trond Joeran Pedersen, his coach, said the team had done a better job keeping Bredesen's morale up between the jumps than in the high hill competition last Sunday.

"It was so exciting, I almost had a heart attack," Pedersen added. "The two of them have made a spectacular effort." Bredesen, 26, said he did not expect to jump at another Olympics, although he will continue on the World Cup circuit at least until the end of this season.

Instead, he intends to pursue another sporting ambition — to become the first man to ski jump more than 200 metres in a so-called "ski flying" competition.

For Weissflog, 29, who won his first gold on the 90-metre hill at Sarajevo in 1984 and then went ten years without winning further Olympic medals, the competiton was his Olympic farewell. Victory would have put the German alongside Matti Nykanen, the Finn, as the only ski jumpers to win four Olympic gold medals and a silver.

As Bredesen cast off the "Eagle" nickname, ski jumping pundits soon found another candidate for the role.

Masahiko Harada, of Japan, whose dismal second jump in the team event on Tuesday cost his team the gold medal, reached a creditable 98 metres on his first jump down the 90-metre hill but lost his balance and tumbled to earth after just 54 metres on the second. He was placed second to last of the 56 finishers.

The Norwegian clean sweep in the combined was led by Lasse Kjus, the world champion, who clocked a total time of 3min 17.53sec to take the gold medal ahead of Kjetil Andre Aamodt and Harald Christian Nilsen. Aamodt's silver makes him the first competitor to win five Olympic medals in Alpine skiing. The sweep is the first in Alpine skiing since Austria took all three medals in the women's downhill in Innsbruck in 1964.

The record haul increased Norway's total to 25 medals overall and vaulted the host country into first place in the medals table ahead of Russia with 22. Norway still has a chance to equal the record of 29, set by the Soviet Union in the Calgary Games in 1988.

A leading Chinese speed skater has been criticised by Olympic officials after yet another judging controversy. Zhang Yanmei, the world champion, stormed off the medals podium on Thursday, complaining she had been impeded in her quest for gold.

Cathy Turner, of the United States, retained her 500 metres title, but Zhang claimed Turner had grabbed her skate and leg as she overtook on the penultimate lap. The judges rejected the silver medal-winner's protest.

Zhang refused to shake Turner's hand on the podium and stalked off the moment the American anthem had been played, throwing down her bouquet as she went.

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Smith retains confidence in his ability to prosper



Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, reports from Kingston, Jamaica, as England confirm their strategy

FAR more important to England than the result of the second one-day international today is the need for two pivotal players to begin justifying the presumptions with which they were sent here. Unless Robin Smith starts making runs, and Angus Fraser taking wickets, the strategy behind this tour party is in danger of collapse.

The boldness, if such it was, of a selection that abandoned a whole generation of Test batsmen, relied for its success on the response of Smith. Similarly, the chosen bowling invested great faith in the renaissance of Fraser as a dependable leader. The portents are not good in either case.

In a first Test that sharply retarded England's psychological advances on this tour, Smith was out for nought and two, while Fraser's fitness was not even risked. Today, although a second one-day win in the five-match series would restore a measure of lost confidence, the priority must be to seek reassuring performances from these two key figures.

Fraser plays today for the first time since a bone in his hand was broken a fortnight ago. Andy Caddick and Devom Malcolm would probably have stood down anyway but both were ruled out, Caddick by an infection spreading from his little toe and Malcolm by a swollen knee.

"We missed Angus badly in the Test," Keith Fletcher, the team manager, said. "We missed his control most of all. He is a very important member of the side and we must get him bowling well as soon as possible. There is still a slight risk involved in him playing, but his hand will be strapped up if he has to bat."

As for Smith, he will bat today at three, within an order reshaped to give Nasser Hussain a match at the expense of Graham Thorpe. Fletcher insists that nothing should be read into the switch, but England's needs in the Test series would be better served by having the comparative experience of Smith and Hick at three and four, with those playing for their place lower down.

Smith spoke with some concern, immediately after the tour party was announced, about the decision to dispense with David Gower, Allan Lamb and Mike Gatting, who were all candidates to come here as senior batsman. Now, not least because he must be, Smith is more upbeat about his responsibilities and aware that he cannot brood about failure as once he did.

"I don't feel under any more pressure," he said yesterday, "and I believe I am mentally stronger than I was two or three years ago. I don't get as depressed when things go wrong because I realise that would not help me or the side. I was very low after the Test, very disappointed in myself, but it is important I don't make a big issue of it."

It came hard to Smith when he was dropped for the final Test of last summer, after his torture by the leg spin of Shane Warne. The assumption, happily shared by himself, was that normal service would be resumed once he was facing the raw pace which, strange to relate, he openly prefers to being confronted by any form of spin bowling.

Fletcher set him a 400-runs target for this series, not excessive for one who averages 50 from ten previous Tests against the West Indies. But he must now make those runs within four Tests after twice falling cheaply to Courtney Walsh, who may have finished the Test in the role of pantomime villain, booed at every entrance, but previously did more than anyone to remind England how tough it is to make competitive scores out here.

Smith, reflecting on the riveting final session on the third day, called it: "The most ferocious, vicious bowling I have seen." He would, however, have been rightly offended by the description of him in one Jamaican daily newspaper as "terrified". Even in failure, even when committing what for him was the startling lapse of taking his eyes off the ball, he is nothing if not brave.

"When it gets as hard as that, you've got to have courage. Fear for my own safety never crosses my mind. When it does, it will be time to hang up my boots. The new bouncer regulation has not made it any easier for batsmen because it makes the bowlers concentrate on not wasting a ball. Nowadays, they are bowling more at your heart than your head."



Smith: unbowed

ENGLAND: M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, R A Smith, G A Hick, M P Maynard, N Hussain, C C Lewis, S L Watkin, A P Igglesden, P C R Tufnell, A R C Fraser.

WEST INDIES (from): R B Richardson (captain), D L Haynes, P V Simmons, B C Lara, K L T Arthurton, J C Adams, J R Murray, R A Harper, A C Cummins, C E L Ambrose, W K M Benjamin, K C G Benjamin, C A Walsh.

It is a judgment of the head, as well as the heart, that Smith will come good here, because of all batting environments, this one is made for him. For England's future prospects and peace of mind, however, it would be as well if he did it soon.

☐ Holland, Kenya, Bermuda and the United Arab Emirates have reached the ICC trophy semi-finals in Nairobi, ensuring three of them places in the 1996 World Cup. Bermuda ended Ireland's hopes with a seven-wicket win.

Hong Kong dropped Nolan Clarke, the Barbados-born opener, off his first ball and were punished by his second century in six ICC innings as the Dutch rattled up 288 for eight and won by 134 runs. Maurice Odumbe hit 119 off 81 balls as Kenya totalled 295 for six and beat Bangladesh by 13 runs. UAE passed Canada's 278 for six in the last over but had only a wicket to spare.

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O'Reilly is disconsolate after being eliminated

O'Reilly's exit provokes protest

FROM OUR SPORTS STAFF IN LILLEHAMMER

FRANTIC efforts were being made in both Britain and Norway yesterday to put Wilf O'Reilly's disastrous Winter Olympic campaign back on track. British Olympic Association officials were drafting a protest in an attempt to overturn O'Reilly's elimination from his heat of the 500 metres short-track speed skating after he was made to compete with a broken skate.

As the protest was being drafted to the International Skating Union short-track technical delegate, Ottavio Cinquanta, a pair of new skates was on the way from Oslo airport after an all-night operation to keep O'Reilly's hopes alive.

The clash of skates in the heat on Thursday night meant that all three pairs of blades which O'Reilly, 29, took to Norway were damaged, following a similar incident in the 1,000 metres on Tuesday and another in pre-competition training.

After watching the drama unfold on television, O'Reilly's coach and manager in Britain, Bob Copeman, contacted Mike Allen, a skate-maker, to ask for his help.

Allen left his Nottingham home at 11pm on Thursday and drove 60 miles to his factory in Halesowen, where he made a new set of blades. They were then driven to Heathrow airport at 4am, ready to be sent out on the morning flight to Oslo.

"It really was a mercy dash," Copeman said. He explained that O'Reilly's skates were especially vulnerable because, being lighter than his rivals, his blades were marginally thinner — 1mm compared with the normal 1.1mm.

Copeman was furious as he saw British protests waved away by the Italian referee, Gunther Langer, and he said yesterday: "He was totally out of order, it was mind-boggling. It's like asking a tennis player to play a match with ten strings missing from his racket.

"When people are sliding on the ice it's dangerous enough, but when a blade has an entire piece out it's unacceptable. It's not overstating matters to say that lives could be at risk. Wilf's girlfriend was paralysed from sliding on the ice."

Monique Velzeboer is not expected to walk again after that horrific training accident two months ago.

In the women's 5,000 metres yesterday, Claudia Pechstein, of Germany, took the gold medal in magnificent fashion, improving her personal best to beat the favourite and defending champion, Gunda Niemann, by half a second. Pechstein, who switched from figure skating when she was 10, improved her best time by 19.21sec to win in 7min 14.37sec, just over a second outside the world record set by Niemann, her teammate, last December.

"I'm very happy, everything went well," she said. "I was very nervous while Gunda was skating but now I'm just happy. It was good skating early because everyone else was shocked by my time."

Pechstein won the 5,000 metres bronze in Albertville in 1992. She also took the 3,000 metres bronze last week. Niemann, who had not lost a 5,000 metres race for six years, was setting a world-record pace until the last two laps, when she wilted, finishing in 7min 14.88sec. It was the narrowest margin of victory since the event was added to the Olympic programme in 1988. Hiromi Yamamoto, of Japan, took the bronze.

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The ice princess and I



In the week when 23 million people tuned in to four minutes of magic from Torvill and Dean, Peter Brown dons a pair of skates to realise his daughter's ice dreams

The ice was here, the ice was there, the ice was all around, as the Ancient Mariner put it. At least, that's the way it felt, *chez nous*, this week. Every night the same cry from Imogen, aged five, after her bath: "Can we watch Torquil and Dean?"

Torquil lives down the road. He and Imogen are married. But it wasn't him she was interested in this time. It was Jayne and her lipstick. It was "Kerriganharding". It was the beauty of the dance, the frilly dresses, all that stuff. Somehow, she wanted to buy into the act. Before long it was: "Can we go skating?"

I myself am an old hand at the ice. That is to say, I tried it once, last year. Unfortunately, in an excess of enthusiasm, I fell over and broke my wrist. So I had reservations.

What decided me was that last lift, the controversial one when Torvill jumped over Dean's shoulders. Imogen and I have been doing something very like it at home, without skates on. Our previous manoeuvre, the one in which she gallops up my legs and somersaults, had become too painful.

"Come on," I cried. "If they can do it, we can do it." And with one pirouette we were at Queens Ice Skating Club, in Bayswater, west London, booking a lesson during family hour (5pm on Mondays and Tuesdays).

Sensibly, Queens supplies five-year-olds with clip-on boots, making life easier for parents. Luckily, I had remembered that, for young children, gloves were *de rigueur*. But in the matter of dress I had erred: the rink was full of miniature figures, all looking as if they'd escaped from *Swan Lake*. It wasn't as cold as I had thought; Imogen could have worn her ballet costume after all.

Booted, and tottering on to the ice, we narrowly avoided a seven-year-old executing what at first glance appeared to be a triple axel jump in combination with a double toe loop, followed by a triple flip. I tapped her affectionately on the knee with my retractable aluminium baton, and slithered confidently along the sidewall, Imogen in tow. The world is full of show-offs.

My target was Betty Loach. *If anyone could make* a Kerrigan or Harding out of Imogen, it would be she. A former world professional dance champion with a hearty laugh and a flawless coiffure, Betty has been teaching at Queens for 35 years, and brooks no nonsense. "Push out, bend your knees, legs together, push out . . ." Before you could say Robin Cousins, Imogen was holding Betty's hands and following a "magic white line" down the middle of the rink.

There is no logical reason for it, but I was slightly annoyed when, by the end of the quarter-hour lesson, Imogen was skating, on her own, pushing with her back foot and lifting it, and stopping with a snow plough. Jealousy, an emotion common in ice-skating circles, may have played a part. The truth is, I myself find it very difficult to lift my back foot.

"She's almost ready for her first grade," said Betty. What? Going for gold, at five?

"Well, you've got to encourage them. I remember my first time on the ice. It was at *Nottingham. The rink had* been reopened after the Second World War, and I went with a fellow from school. I was 12 and completely useless, hanging on like grim death. But I loved it and I stuck at it. It's such an easy way of going fast. And it's wonderful when you really whizz."

The youngest pupil she has taught was two and a half. "She had a sister on the ice and screamed so much that we had to let her on, too." Starting at three or four is common. "But *they've got to want* to do it. Pushy mothers are a problem."

And pushy fathers? Out on the ice, Imogen was practising. I joined her for a spin. "Not like that!" she snapped. "You're not bending your knees!" This from someone whose idea of a good time is to be left alone in a Polly Pocket factory.

I decided that our programme needed to be reworked, fast. "Look, I'm in charge here," I reminded her, and off we went down the magic line. All around us, parents — many of them novices like me — were bending, gliding, swinging hips. I wish I could swing my hips.

Our next step? "Backwards," said Betty. But won't we fall over? "No, no, backwards is easy. Then you learn to stand on one foot, then curving, back curves, then dance sequences . . ."

It's a bit like the new maths, I ventured: so simple, so very simple, that only a child can do it. "Not at all," replied Betty, eyeing me frostily. "My adult class starts in half an hour. Some of my best beginners are pensioners."

So this is how Kerrigan and Harding learnt, little by little, stage by stage. But you've got to have persistence. "I've seen *kids I thought were going to be* bloody brilliant," Betty confided. "Then they get to 14 and the girls, particularly, decide they don't want to fall down. If you want to be a free-skater, you do a lot of falling down."

The time had come for the big one, the assisted lift. Somehow, it was more difficult than I'd thought. In a giggling heap, our bottoms hit the ice. For technical merit, zero, but at least we had faced the music and skated.

And we were not alone. Clearly, Torvill and Dean have done for ice arenas what Häagen Dazs did for ice cream. Some 23 million people — half the country — watched them on television this week. The figures have been complicated by half term, but bookings have risen at some rinks by 25 per cent since the European championships. That's a lot of beginners.

To measure achievement, most rinks offer nine grades, after which you take your National Ice Skating Association tests, leading to the gold medal. Skating boots can be bought for the price of a pair of roller-blades, and the overall cost of ice skating, compared, for example, with riding or learning an instrument, is small. But still . . . will it last, I wondered, once Norway's giddy thrills have melted?

"Daddy, can we come here again?" asked my partner. Well, I had been swinging her about a bit. Polishing our rock 'n' roll routine, actually. See you at the rink, next week.

● *A quarter-hour lesson at Queens (071-229 0172) costs £5.50. Admission is £5 for adults, £3.50 for children and £1.50 for skate hire. The rink is open 10am-4.30pm, 7.30-10pm, weekdays, with family hour 5-6pm Mondays and Tuesdays. Saturday times: 10am-5pm, 7.30-10.30pm; Sunday, 10am-5pm, 7-10pm. Children's classes are on Saturday, 9-9.45am, and Thursdays and Fridays 5-6pm. Four weekly courses cost £20 inclusive. Adult classes on Tuesdays 6.15-7pm: four weekly courses cost £25 inclusive.*

● *For information and a list of ice rinks in Britain, send SAE to National Ice Skating Association, 15-27 Gee Street, London EC1V 3RE (071-253 3824/0910).*



JULIAN HERBERT

Peter Brown and daughter Imogen, five, in full flow — few points for technical merit, but top marks for fun

THE PRICE OF AMBITION

Boots, blades and big bills



All dressed up to face the music — two young hopefuls

IF YOUR child now wants nothing more than to become the next Torvill or Dean, give or take a gold medal, think twice at least before heading for the nearest ice rink.

Next month David Mumby, a 14-year-old skater, flies to Slovenia to represent Great Britain in a junior international competition. His coach will travel with him, paid for by his parents, who will stay behind. As David completed his final training sessions, his mother counted the cost of one year's skating. The total: £7,795.

Of course that includes the cost of private coaching, practice time on the ice, boots, blades, costumes, competition entry, travel and hotel expenses.

It is a sport that can cost as little as £3 for a group coaching session plus fun time on the ice. But once a coach spots talent — as young as six years old — the cost begins to mount.

And for parents, the sacrifice is not only financial. Serious young skaters take private lessons — from £3 to £10 for 15 minutes — followed by practice, at 6.30am and again at 4.30pm, six times a week.

Weekends at least once a month involve competition — entry fees about £10 — sometimes local, often 200 miles away. Hotel and travel costs start at £100.

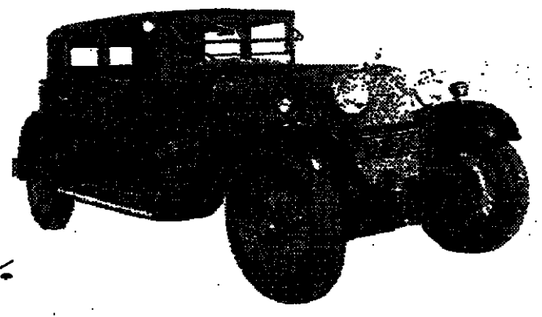
Competitions mean competition outfits. Made-to-measure Lycra trousers and top for a 14-year-old boy cost about £250; skating dresses, depending on the degree of glamour, from £100.

The most essential items, boots and blades, are the most expensive at about £300 for a six-day-a-week skater, and last for six months.

But one coach, conscious of the need to encourage more children to skate, says: "Remember these costs are for youngsters who have the talent and the inclination to go as far as possible. Thousands of other children enjoy skating at a fraction of the cost."

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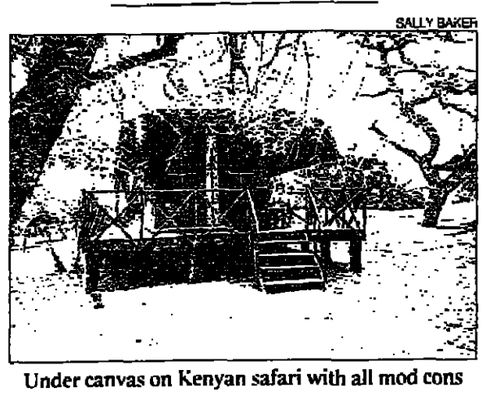
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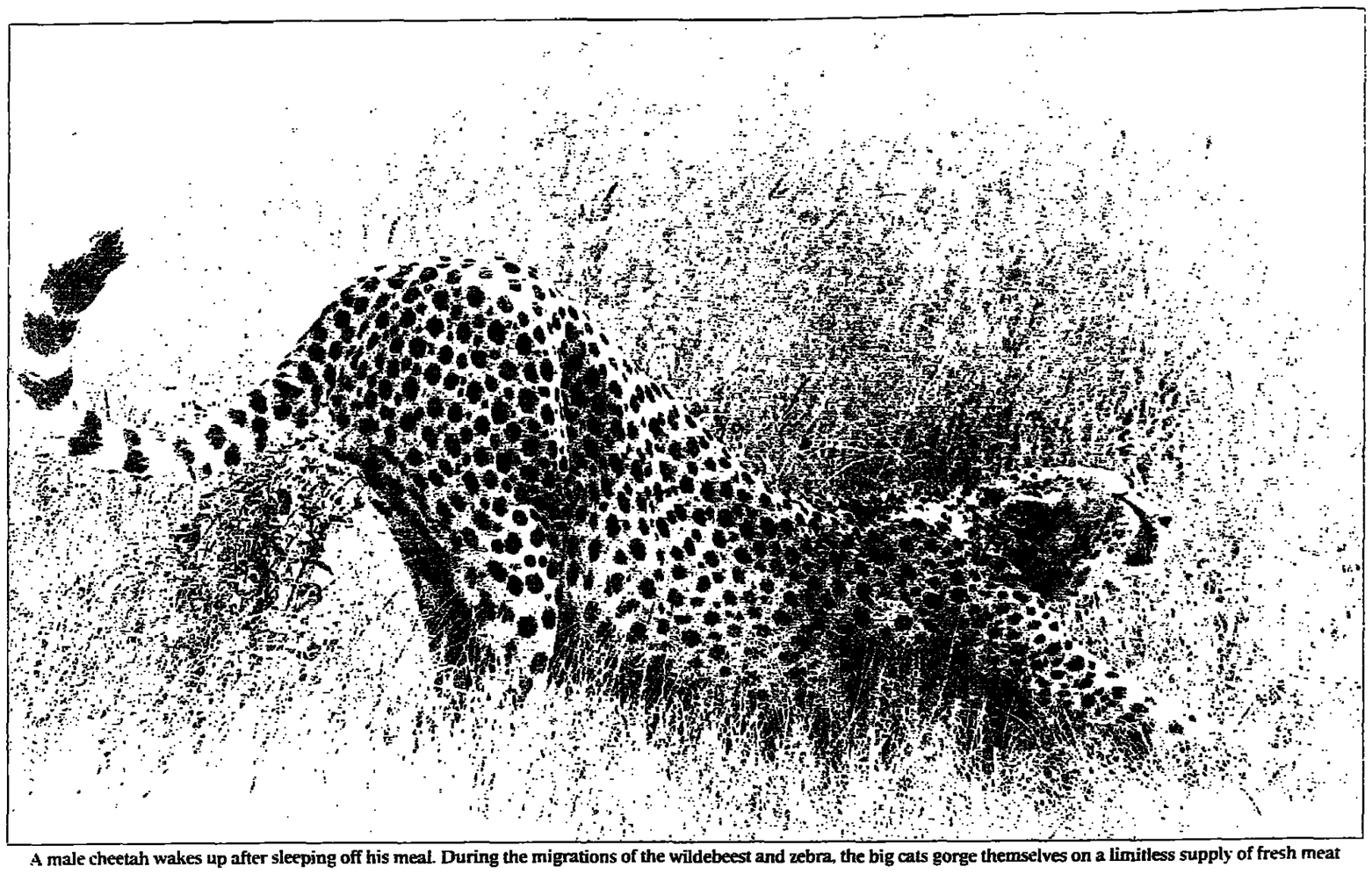
Under canvas on Kenyan safari with all mod cons

☐ The author was a guest of Worldwide Journeys and Expeditions, 8 Comeragh Road, London W14 9HP (071-381 3638; fax 071-381 0836), which offers a wide range of holidays in several African countries, and will tailor them to individual budgets and requirements. The three-week safari/beach package as described here costs from £1,495 a person in low season (April-June), £2,070 in high season. All flights were with Kenya Airways, which operates Heathrow-Nairobi direct.

☐ The seven-day safari was organised by the Nairobi office of *Pollmans Tours and Safaris*, PO Box 45895, Nairobi, Kenya (02 544346).

☐ Hemingways Deep-Sea Fishing and Watersports Centre, PO Box 267, Watamu, Kenya (254 122 32624, fax 254 122 32256); UK Office: 2 Talisman Close, Lower Wokingham Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG11 6JE (0344 780020). Half-board room rates for a standard twin room range from £45 low season (April-July) to £110 peak season (December-March). A full day's deep-sea fishing costs from £170 for a half day in a small boat (maximum of two people) to £350 for a full day in a big boat (up to four people); price includes food, soft drinks and beer and all rods and tackle.

☐ The Indian Ocean Beach Club, PO Box 73, Ukunda, Kenya (254 127 3730, fax 254 127 3557); half-board rates per person per night range from £33 low season (April-June) to £65 peak season (December-January). There is a booking office there for the *Pilli-Pipa* dhow day trip, which costs about £66 a person, including all transport, soft drinks, snorkelling equipment and a superb five-course lunch.



A male cheetah wakes up after sleeping off his meal. During the migrations of the wildebeest and zebra, the big cats gorge themselves on a limitless supply of fresh meat

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"I had a farm in Africa, at the foot of the Ngong hills." Karen Blixen's memoirs, *The Flame Trees of Thika* and Elspeth Huxley's other volumes, Joy and George Adamson playing with Elsa the lioness, *White Mischief* and the excesses of the Happy Valley set.

The first-time visitor to East Africa travels with a bulging set of preconceptions. The landscape will be vast, the mountains blue in the distance, the plains brown and shimmering in the heat, the coffee plantations green, the people welcoming, the game teeming. You arrive in high *anxiety, scarcely daring to* open your eyes for the first look — but it is fine, because when you do, it *is* vast, they *are* shimmering, it *does* teem.

We spent our first African night at the Norfolk hotel in Nairobi, sipping Tusker beer on the Delamere Terrace. Our safari driver-guide, David, collected us next morning with two Americans already aboard the minibus that would transport us for the next seven days. This was the first *hurdle* — a week could *seem* a long time in a minibus — but good fortune had supplied Melissa and Diane from Phoenix, enjoying a round-the-world jaunt, and we could not have had better companions.

We had travelled to Kenya with dire warnings ringing in our ears about the growing risks tourists face from human *predators, and the dilution of* the safari experience by mass tourism. We had taken pains to select a small company whose brochure suggested that it shared these concerns, but clearly there were no guarantees. Our choice, however, *paid off*: at no time did we feel insecure, on most of our game drives we scarcely saw another vehicle, and David showed as much consideration for the game as if each animal was his own.

Still, the Kenyan government is sufficiently worried by last year's 20 per cent drop in visitors to have launched new *initiatives, including putting* 900 armed guards on patrol duty in the parks, and setting up a beach tourism unit to keep an eye on sunbathers.

A 250-mile drive north of Nairobi brought us to the Samburu game reserve and Larsens camp, on the bank of the Uaso Nyiro river. Larsens set the pattern for all our safari *accommodation — a permanent* camp of large green tents *à deux*, giving the thrilling illusion of *Boys' Own* derring-do with absolutely none of the discomfort. We had en-suite bathrooms with all mod cons, hot-water bottles in our beds (the August nights were cold), and even *towelling* bathrobes. The camp teemed with monkeys and birds, the food was marvellous, and the staff outstanding.

We had our best game drives from here. We saw a pride of lion sleeping off lunch by the river, a cheetah dozing under a tree as her three cubs played a high-speed game in the bush, huge numbers of elephant, giraffe, zebra, oryx, impala and gazelle, rarer species such as eland and kudu, enormous crocodiles lurking at the brown water's edge, and scores of bird species ("Lilac-breasted roller!" David would say softly, stopping the bus and pointing at a bush, followed by *mutters of exasperation* — "Where? *Where*? I can't see anything. *Which bush?*" — then gasps of appreciation as our binoculars found a dazzling bundle of feathers.)

We were also privileged one morning to watch at close quarters a breathtaking scenario involving a leopard, her freshly killed impala, a group of nervous elephants, and two hungry lionesses, who stole the kill and devoured it 15ft from us to the sound of tearing flesh and splintering bones. It was only *when the smell* reached our nostrils that I fully realised I wasn't seeing it on television.

From Larsens we headed in a broad arc some 400 miles to the southwest, to the great Masai Mara reserve. We were making for one of the greatest wildlife shows on earth — a million and a half wildebeest *and zebra, regrouping for the* return journey of their annual migration from the Serengeti.

Basing ourselves at the gloriously sited Kichwa Tembo camp on the northern edge of the park, we set out with David early to spend a whole day on the reserve. During the *migration these* are Kenya's bloodiest killing fields; vultures abound, and the plains are littered with bleached bones as the gluttonous big cats gorge on the endless supply of *fresh meat*. Soon our binoculars picked out what David's eyes had already seen — that the irregular lines and blotches of shadow on the plain below the escarpment were in fact moving columns of wildebeest, heading for a crossing point on the Mara river. We arrived with them, and watched spellbound as tumbling cascades of frantic animals slithered and slipped down the banks and plunged and reared their way *across the muddy torrent*, while crocodiles and vultures lay in wait for the casualties.



A giraffe surveys the wide plains

We ate a picnic lunch by a hippo pool on the Tanzanian border, to the music of 20 or 30 wallowing, grunting monsters. Later that day a big old black-maned lion sauntered up to our vehicle, yawned at us, then lifted his tail and scent-marked our bumper with urine; and as we neared Kichwa Tembo in the fading light, we were held up by a herd of elephant in our path.

The safari ended, and ten days on Kenya's beaches beckoned. A one-hour flight took us from Nairobi to Malindi on the coast, and to Hemingways, the famous deep-sea fishing resort on Watamu beach. Fortunately for the fish, strenuous efforts are being made these days to persuade fishermen to tag and release their catch rather than have its corpse winched on to the jetty for the victory photograph. Even more fortunately for me (since I get seasick and hate fishing), *it was not quite the marlin* season, so instead we snorkelled away the days among their smaller, prettier aquatic brethren along the coral reef in front of the hotel.

Last stop on our itinerary was the Indian Ocean Beach Club, south of Mombasa on Diani beach. The architecture is superb, with accommodation in individual "cottages" and the main buildings modelled on the palace of the sultans of Zanzibar, who ruled this coast until 1840.

Here we sunbathed some more, swam some more, played a bit of tennis, thought about learning to windsurf or scuba-dive, and further indulged our snorkelling obsession by taking a day's "dhow safari" aboard the *Pilli-Pipa*, an Arab-styled wooden vessel. As we jumped over the side, a giant turtle swerved away from our flippers and, nearer the reef, huge brilliant-blue parrot fish and dazzling yellow and black Moorish idols vied for our attention.

Recovering from these exertions the following day on the beach, I turned idly to my horoscope in the *Nairobi Standard*. "If you want something today," I read, "you only have to ask. There is a queue of *people lining up to be of* service." Right on cue, a waiter arrived to enquire whether he might bring me another gin and tonic. Isn't life spooky?

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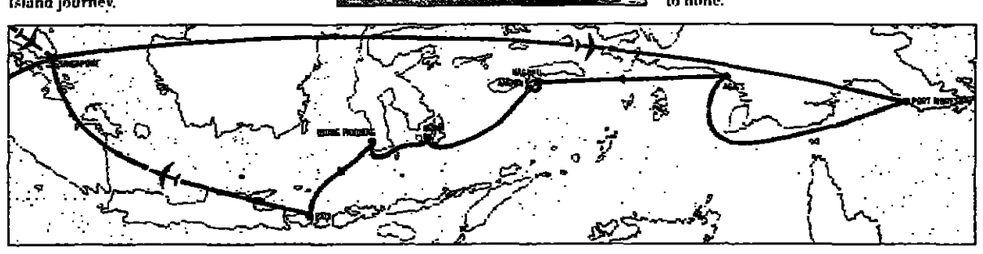
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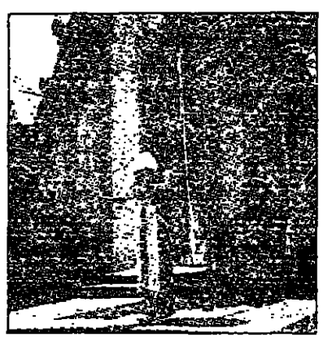
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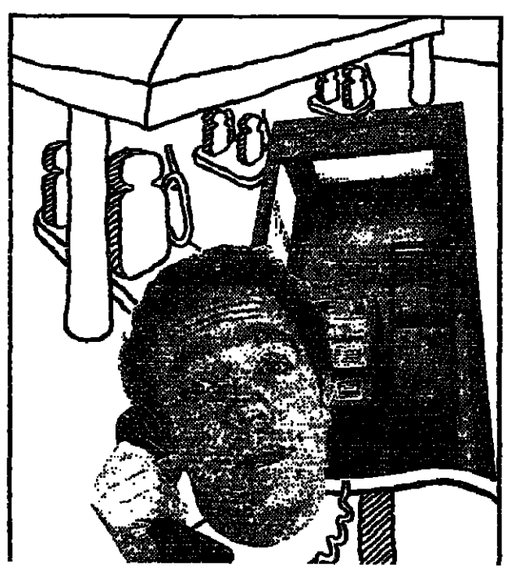
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Among the 140 specialist tour operators it lists is Norwegian Coastal Voyages, which deals in cruises on the boats that carry mail and cargo to the far-flung settlements along the Norwegian coast. There is another called Simply Corsica — which is just that — and Kirker Holidays, which specialises in flexible short breaks at fine hotels in European cities.

This yearly directory is the only one of its kind. It was started four years ago because Aito felt that people should be aware that their choice at the multiples' high-street holiday shops can be restricted. "Their recommendations", says Christopher Kirker, Aito's chairman, "can be heavily biased towards their parent tour operator's products, regardless of their suitability."

Sue Ockwell, chief executive of Aito, says: "More time is spent looking into buying a washing machine than an annual holiday." Many are bought solely on the price quoted from a computer screen, without looking for hidden traps such as over-priced insurance.

With the help of the directory's cross-indexing system, you can concentrate either on a country and all it offers, or on different types of holiday and the countries that offer them, or on ways of travelling, or on specialist tour operators such as Mancunia Travel, which organises pilgrimages.

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Warm smiles in the frozen north

Mont Tremblant in eastern Canada has had a multimillion-dollar facelift, making it one of the world's most modern ski resorts, but it remains one of the coldest

H. GEORGI



Heading for a peak experience as the high-speed ski lift climbs the mountain at this still developing resort with its many new runs

Mont Tremblant is this season's big ski story in Canada. Eighty miles north of Montreal in the Laurentian mountains, it was founded in 1939 by an American millionaire as a year-round resort of distinctive Québécois character. More than 50 years later Intrawest, the company behind the four-seasons success story of Blackcomb, adjacent to Whistler, stepped in with a huge five-year expansion plan.

The first C$53 million phase is finished, and the place was booked solid when I joined the resort's five-night Classic Ski Week, in February. But minus weekend crowds and with the arrival of toe-numbing temperatures, the slopes remained pleasantly under-populated all week. Tremblant may now be blessed with 18 additional trails, high-speed lifts, new graded runs, and Canada's most powerful snow-making system, but with -18C temperatures (translating to -30C at the wind-chilled summit), a Dr Who-style Neoprene face mask is essential to avoid the risk of a frost-bitten face.

However, the March/April average temperature is a balmy -5C, with deep-blue sunny skies and fresh carpets of snow to enhance the below-treeline scenery of snow-dolloped firs. The high-rise Rockies are more dramatic but Mont Tremblant itself, the tallest mountain in eastern Canada at 915m (3,000ft) makes its mark, towering over the surrounding Laurentians. The Beauvallon trail on the south face has the best view of the flat white expanse of frozen Lake Tremblant, a short-cut for the deer population at dawn and dusk.

Preserving the resort's natural beauty and character is a stated aim of the developers, and the new ski-in/ski-out La Chouette condominium where I stayed (a tad Spartan within, but with pretty gables and balconies outside) was set discreetly across the piste from the newly assembled "old quarter" of Vieux Tremblant. Here original chalets dating back to the 1930s have been recycled to form a quaint mini-village of chic boutiques with painted-wood façades and neatly shuttered windows. About the only building that has stayed the same is the original hotel called The Inn — all log fires, dark-wood interiors and solid old furnishings.

A short walk uphill, just across from the Express Tremblant quad-lift (which whisks you to the summit in ten minutes), brightly painted aluminium roofs and dormer windows mimic traditional Quebec architecture in Le St-Bernard, a new complex of 113 condos and shops.

Choose your own tailor-made scent for C$75 (£39) from Dans Un Jardin, and follow your nose to the fresh-ground coffee and locally smoked seafood of Les Delices du St-Bernard.

In the large, informal La Canadienne dining-room of The Inn, I refuelled daily on the extensive "buffet" breakfast and five-course supper. Local specialities were notably absent from a mixed European menu but service from the mainly francophone staff came always with a smile. The resort is spawning a few other dining options, such as La Savoie, a "rustic" fondue/raclette restaurant in Vieux Tremblant, but during the week everywhere was deserted by 11pm, post-karaoke and sleigh rides. (Dedicated revellers made their way to local villages for late-night action).

At lunchtime, however, the place to be was Le Grand Manitou. This ultra-modern 1,000-seat restaurant is set into the summit with entrancing views from its window seats and balconies. From hearty clam chowder at C$2.25 (just over £1) in the cafeteria to spicy marinated chicken breast on basmati rice at C$14.95 (£7.60) in La Legende, it puts most European mountain-top catering to shame. In the bright, airy interior, the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly at the rows of communal tables.

Most visitors to the resort are from Quebec or Ontario and North American English prevails. The five per cent from the United States come to savour the French ambience. I heard no other British voices during the whole week and lost count of the compliments on my accent.

At Tremblant lone guests do not remain so for long, especially those who enrol in the highly acclaimed Ski School with 150 instructors on its books. My class of six intermediate skiers, included Richard, 35, a fast, fearless New York police officer, and Dorothy, 68, a graceful and determined Slovenian from Toronto.

Our instructor Ken was still keen after 30 years. He did wonders for us all, correcting us constantly in his deliciously Frenchified English, so that by day four we were tearing not teetering down black runs.

There is certainly enough scope among these 57 trails to keep the average British skier amused for a full week. I gave a wide berth to Dynamite, the new experts-only, double-black, 42-degree converted cliff face ... Snowmobiling and dog-sledding are available locally. Tremblant is also well geared to families, with plenty of supervised activities for children. Snowboarders are especially spoilt with access to all slopes.

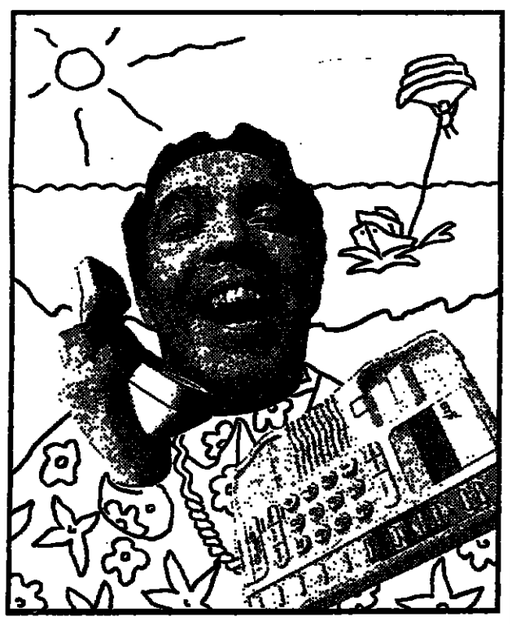
By late April, Tremblant will be offering its boating/golfing/ mountain-biking summer activities but there is still plenty of work to be done at the resort, including a 250-room slope-side Grand Hotel for 1995 and an 18-hole golf course. In all this upwardly mobile expansion, let us hope Tremblant does not lose its natural charm and unpretentious roots.

SOPHIE CHAMIER

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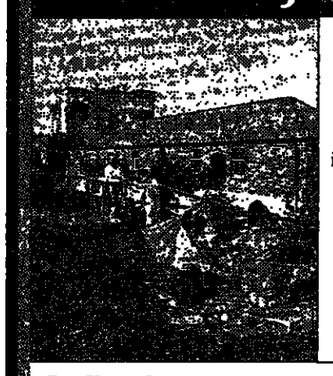
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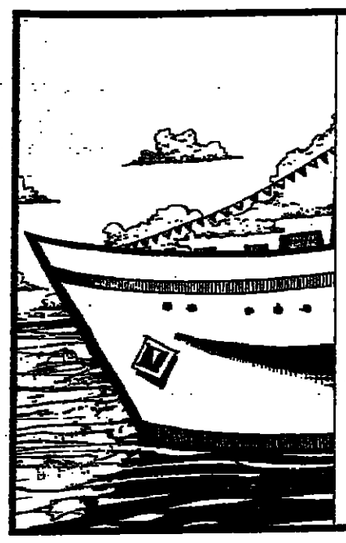
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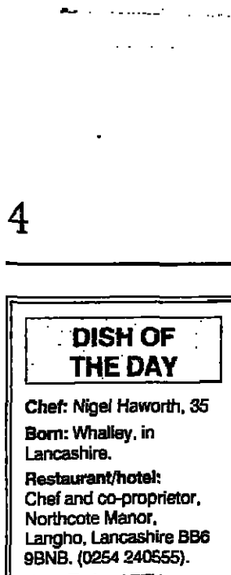
Chef: Nigel Haworth, 35

Born: Whalley, in Lancashire.

Restaurant/hotel: Chef and co-proprietor, Northcote Manor, Langho, Lancashire BB6 9BNB. (0254 240555).

Past: Trained BTH Hotels, and in Switzerland and at Gleneagles. Was about to join the Peninsula Group in Hong Kong, when he met his wife and returned to Lancashire instead.

Present: He enjoys researching and cooking old Lancashire and Mancunian dishes.



Personal: Is planting a Victorian garden. Plays football every Sunday, and is a of Blackburn Rovers fan.

Future: This spring will be cooking at the Beverley Hills Hotel, California, for Chefs Sans Frontières, an international showcase for chefs from the North West.

Dish: Braised leg of hare in red wine with smoked bacon and garlic, served with the loin pan-roasted, sloe gin sauce and dauphinoise potatoes, £15.95. To go with it, Faustino 1, Gran Reserva, Faustino-Martinez 1986, £19.30.

CLARISSA HYMAN

In praise of tasty tarts

Custard tarts might evoke memories of grim school dinners. But the Portuguese variety offers an enlightening experience

British custard tarts have a slapstick reputation, fit for clowns and *Carry On* humour. The Portuguese, on the other hand, take their cakes seriously. Cake shops are as common in Portugal as pubs are in Britain.

Piled up in glass counters are coconut tarts, honey cakes, little hearts moulded from a mixture of egg yolk and sugar, sponges rising above paper collars like soufflés, and cakes with names such as "angel's breasts" and "nun's belly". For me, it is the custard tarts, or *pastéis de nata*, which shine the brightest in this sweet galaxy.

A Portuguese custard tart is a cup of buttery puff pastry, filled to the brim with a custard that is velvet-smooth and rich. It is best eaten slightly warm with cinnamon and perhaps icing sugar freshly sprinkled on top and accompanied by jet-black Portuguese coffee so intensely strong that just a few sips hit home.

Five London bakeries now specialise in Portuguese custard tarts as their reputation grows. You can find them in cafés and sandwich bars around London, particularly near the Portuguese communities in north Kensington, Stockwell and Camden.

Lisboa Patisserie in Golborne Road, west London, is probably the best place to try *pastéis de nata* as it has its own bakery and the tarts are fresh. Sales have tripled over the past three years. The custard is flavoured with lemon peel, making it slightly different from other concoctions, but still very good.

Lisboa seats 28 but is so full at weekends that customers enjoy their cakes on the pavement outside. The clientele varies from somewhat unravelled London trendies to generations of Portuguese families fortifying themselves after Sunday Mass. Monday mornings are another peak time, when large groups of Portuguese men converge to discuss the triumphs and disasters of the weekend's football matches. On Thursday mornings they meet again over coffee and cakes to discuss the team selections.

The most famous custard tarts are found in Antiga Confeiria de Belém, a coffee shop on the outskirts of Lisbon. It is an elegant yet easy-going place where groups of students, lovers, office workers and even the urbane Portuguese President, Mário Soares, are equally comfortable, beneath domed ceilings and antique tiled walls. Two shakers, containing cinnamon and icing sugar, are on each table.

> "Some people get embarrassed about the word tart and ask for a 'custard thingy'"

The same family has specialised in making custard tarts here since 1837, when they got the recipe from the nearby monastery. A high turnover — 8,000 tarts on weekdays and 25,000 at the weekend — means the puff pastry cup is fresh from the oven and it breaks into crackling, warm, buttery flakes in the mouth.

Portuguese custard tarts, whether in Portugal or Britain, are usually made almost entirely by hand. Cauldrons of custard are stirred continuously with a mighty wooden paddle and workers push cubes of fresh puff pastry into individual cups.

The labour involved will probably stop these delicacies from being widely available in Britain. There are other problems, too. A particularly British embarrassment seizes some people when they have to ask for a tart in a shop. Myra, who runs the cafe in Bloomsbury where I buy *pastéis de nata* for breakfast, says that customers struggle for euphemisms before eventually asking for a "custard thingy" or a "custard cup".

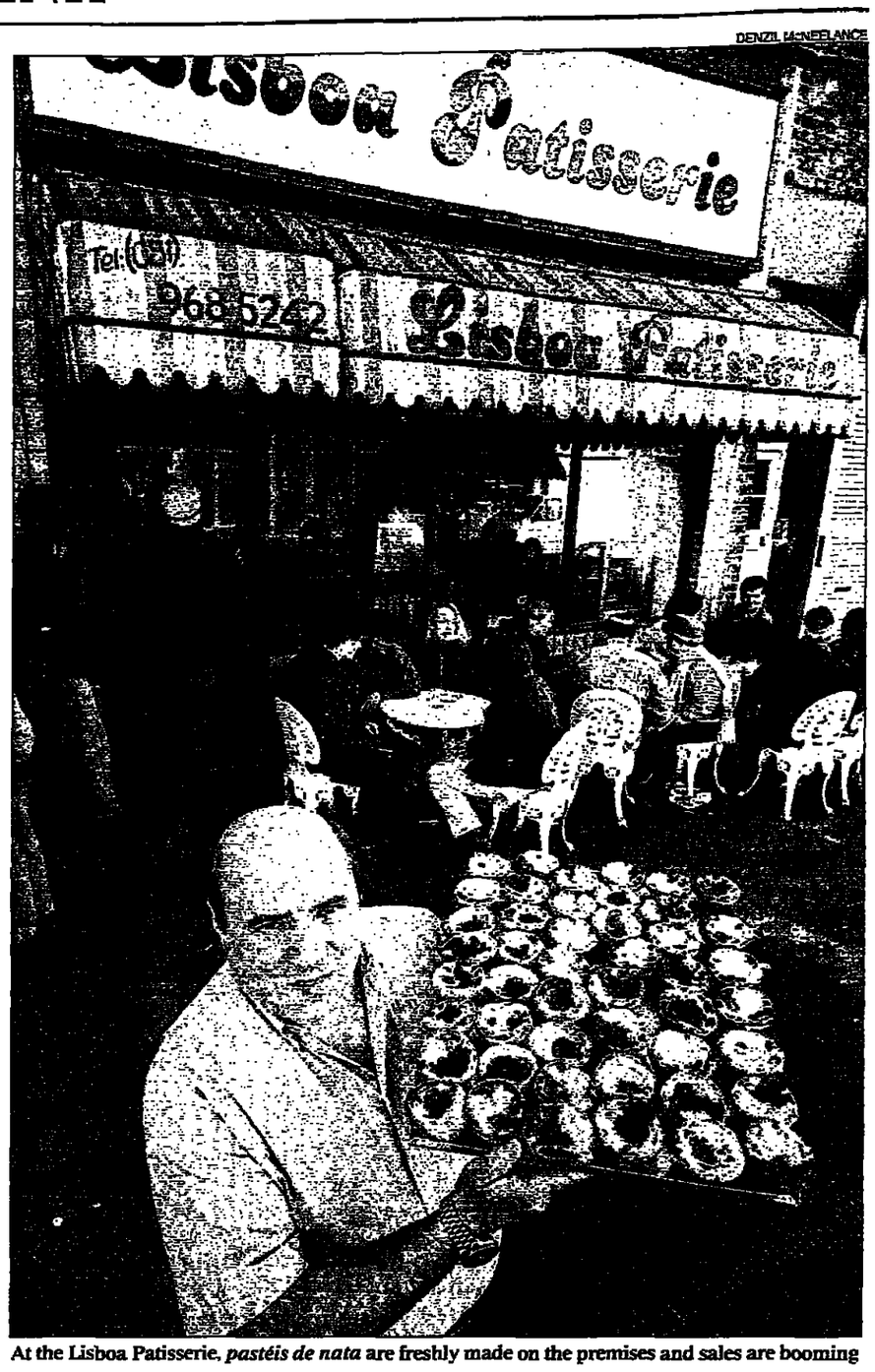
The other stumbling block is that custard is such a byword of school-dinner horror. When Alfred Bird created his famous powder in 1846 (because his wife was allergic to the eggs found in real custard), he started a tidal wave of packet custard which, for some, is a childhood trauma on a par with tapioca frogspawn. Egg custard can also be less than appetising. My grandmother's home-made custard was so thin that once, when she left a bowlful to cool in the kitchen sink, her son washed his hands in it.

Fortunately, good custard, stirred to a proper thickness, is flowing back into our lives. This is the stuff that fills Portuguese custard tarts. Restaurants serve custard rather than cream with old-fashioned puddings, and supermarkets now produce fresh custard sauces that could even be described as luxurious.

Preparing custard has a serene, calming rhythm to it. Some people go fishing, some stroke dogs, some chant mantras; I make custard. In that peaceful drift on a Sunday morning, between a late start and a late lunch, I enjoy a little custard therapy, gently stirring the milk, eggs and sugar to a smooth thickness as I listen to the omnibus edition of *The Archers*.

HATTIE ELLIS

● *Lisboa Patisserie, 57 Golborne Road, London W10 (081-968 5242).*



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At the Lisboa Patisserie, *pastéis de nata* are freshly made on the premises and sales are booming

In the last of her series on choosing wines to suit your palate, **Jane MacQuitty** advises on finding the right fizz and fortified wines

How to spot your sparkler

Finding the fizz and fortified wines that suit your palate is the most trying taste teaser of all. The bubbles in sparkling wine that get up your nose also take your mind off the wine's taste. Above all, their clever knack of transporting the sparkler's 12 per cent or so of alcohol straight through your stomach wall and into the bloodstream confuses many palates, as does the sweetness of fortified wines. A neat way to discover your tastebuds' likes is to leave a glass of fizz overnight, and in the morning the flat wine will reveal all.

Fortunately, most of the world's sparkling wines are made entirely or predominantly from the chardonnay or pinot noir grapes. So the first step is to decide which of these two styles you prefer. Chardonnay and most *blanc de blancs* bubblies are usually very pale greeny-yellow in colour and characterised by light, racy, flowery, appley, even lemony flavours. Too skinny and fresh tasting for you? Then your palate is probably in the pinot noir camp, preferring the rich, full, biscuity flavours of these golden sparklers.



The bubbles in sparkling wine can confuse the palate

However, spotting whether your palate has a penchant for champagne is easy. Anyone keen on the distinctive scent and taste of yeasty fresh brown bread will love the rich, nutty bouquet and taste of champagne. These flavours also crop up less strongly in the rest of the world's top *méthode champenoise* fizz. So those who find champagne's yeasty style too strong should plump instead for other countries' best bubbly and save money. California and Australia are the prime sources of these superior sparklers.

Top New World fizz is richer, fuller and riper than the French original. People who find champagne too streamlined and acidic for their taste should switch to a fatter, sunnier New World alternative. So should those who enjoy citrus fruit flavours and tropical fruit juice blends, as New World fizz usually has these in abundance.

The easiest sparkling-wine style to home in on is the juicy, musky, grapey flavour of the fizz made with the muscat grape. Anyone who drinks white grape juice and likes the musky odour of just-picked hothouse grapes will love these. Italy is the prime producer of the world's muscat sparklers — asti spumante and moscato d'asti — but every wine-producing country in the world makes this fizz style.

Detecting your taste in fortified wines starts with the easy question of assessing how much sweetness you like. Those with a very sweet tooth will find they like the richest, darkest, oldest and most raisiny styles of cream and oloroso sherry and bual and malmsey madeira. So, too, will those who enjoy black treacle, black moscatel raisins, and rich dark fruit cakes. If your palate likes but does not love such sticky foods, go one notch drier and choose richer, nuttier wines such as a good verdelho madeira, or amontillado sherry. If you like still drier, more savoury tastes, aim for the driest styles of all, such as sercial madeira and fino and manzanilla sherry.

Assessing your port palate is not a question of sweetness. Instead, you have to decide whether your tastebuds lean towards the plummy, peppery flavours of ruby ports and aged rubies such as the LBV and vintage character wines, or prefer the nuttier, more prune and raisiny character of tawnies.

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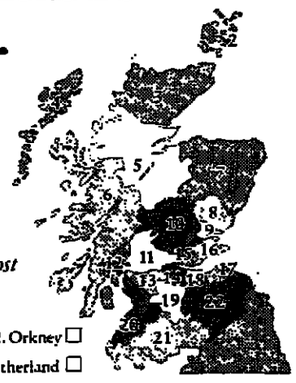
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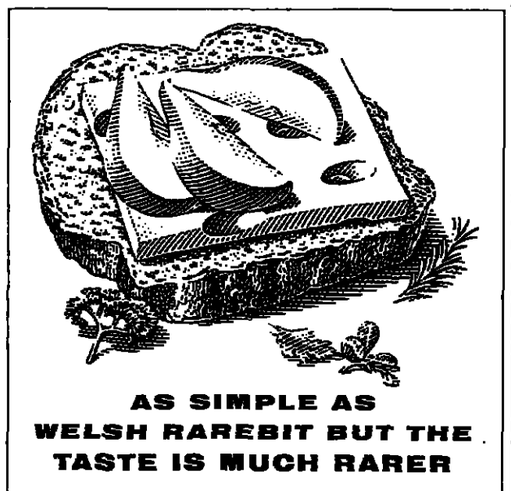


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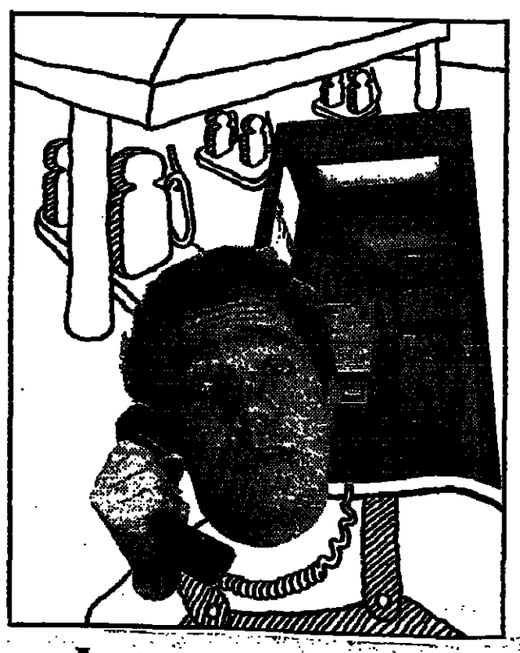
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Now Sainsbury is the country's largest supermarket wine merchant, our largest butcher, and many of its stores have wet-fish counters, in-store bakeries and a range and quality of fresh fruit and vegetables to rival many street markets.

I went to Sainsbury in Camden Town, north London, and made my way through the fresh produce — fruits to the left, salads and vegetables to the right. My ideas for Sunday lunch began to take shape, or rather, take two different directions. I had already decided on a large joint of beef, but instead of a roasting joint, I chose a piece of top rump, "traditional beef" at £3.28 a lb, for pot roasting. There is much to be said for this method of cooking. There are no splashes of fat to burn and smoke; no basting and no worries about timing, since a pot-roast can be cooked fairly slowly to produce a tender, juicy dish. It will not, of course, produce slices of rare beef.

The meat was very good, tender but not soft, and full of flavour. I was also impressed with the selection of offal, particularly the tripe, which I have found in no other supermarket so far.

The interesting selection of hot peppers, waxy, pale yellow Caribe chillies, sweet and mild, the long green mild Anaheim chillies and the fiercely hot orange Habanero chillies, suggested a meal with Latin/Caribbean flavours. A ceviche of mixed fish for starters, perhaps. The wet-fish service counter had monkfish, snapper, Jamaican tilapia, all of which would work very well mixed with onions, lime and hot peppers. I would then cook the beef to a favourite Caribbean recipe, and with it, serve some of the exotic root vegetables I found — yams and sweet potatoes, and also some of the appealing patty pan squash.

Pudding would be a crumble using some of the ripe tropical fruit, mangoes and bananas, and a fruit custard.

I realised that, with just a few sleights of hand and some alternative ingredients, I could transform this into a very traditional Sunday lunch, of a kind that would appeal to our visitors from San Francisco, starting with Scottish smoked salmon, a choice of the traditional cure or the Isle of Skye cure, which is milder and sweeter, at £3.59 and £3.99 respectively for 115g. The beef would be cooked quite plainly with a bay leaf, light seasoning, a rubbing with balsamic vinegar, perhaps, and the addition of red wine from time to time. Accompanying vegetables would be Jerusalem artichokes, small parsnips and, of course, potatoes. Sainsbury, in common with most of the supermarket groups, has a good selection of named varieties, and some very good ones indeed, such as the BF15, now grown in Britain.

Red and white chicory would provide the salad, and the cheeseboard would be an impressive selection of French cheeses; Cantal, Fourme d'Ambert, and



unpasteurised Camembert. Unpasteurised French butter, "*beurre cru d'Isigny*" for 99p, would accompany the cheeses with some walnut or muesli bread.

Instead of tropical fruit, apples and pears would fill the crumble. With the following recipes, you will be able to make two quite different meals. And as an aperitif to either, I would serve, quite chilled, the Sainsbury's Manzanilla Pasada at £3.39 for a 37.5cl bottle. With the traditional pot roast, consider serving the Saumur Champigny, Domaine des Hauts de Sanziers 1990 (£6.95), lightly chilled, or the classic Haut Médoc Château Beaumont Cru Bourgeois 1990 for £7.45. The Australian Mount Hurtle Grenache Shiraz 1992 (£4.15) will go well with the sweet beef pot roast as will Sainsbury's Red Burgundy Pinot Noir from the Buxy co-operative. The Mount Hurtle Sauvignon Blanc (£4.99) or the Bianco di Custoza (£3.49) will partner the ceviche. The very elegant and complex 1995 domaine-bottled Menetou Salon (£6.45) is my choice for the smoked salmon.

For pudding wine, there are two good alternatives, the Austrian Bouvier Trockenbeerenauslese 1989, £5.85 for 37.5cl, and the Sauternes Château Mayne des Carmes 1990 at £7.99 for 37.5cl.

Ceviche (marinated fish with onions, tomatoes and peppers)

(serves 6-8)

1½ lb/680g fish fillets, skinned (use monkfish, snapper, bream, tilapia or other firm fish)
1 medium onion, peeled and very finely sliced
1 green pepper, deseeded and very finely sliced
1 small chilli, deseeded and finely chopped, or more to taste
juice of 2 large limes
sea salt
freshly ground white pepper
a few coriander leaves
2 ripe tomatoes, peeled, deseeded and chopped

Rinse and thoroughly dry the fish. Cut it into smallish cubes or strips, and put it in a china or glass bowl. Put the onion with the fish and stir, and then stir in the green pepper and chilli. Squeeze in the lime juice, and grind on a little salt and pepper. Tear most of the coriander leaves into shreds, and add these. Mix together, cover, and leave to stand in a cool place, or in the refrigerator for 4 to 6 hours, stirring occasionally to make sure that all the fish comes into contact with the lime juice. When ready to serve, mix in the tomatoes. Serve the fish, together with its liquid, in bowls or on plates with a spoonful of diced tomato and the remaining coriander leaves for garnish. In Colombia, ceviche is often served, with the addition of a few prawns, on a bed of lettuce with diced avocado, or in half an avocado.

Sweet beef pot roast

(serves 6-8)

Rum and palm sugar are the traditional ingredients in this recipe from Cartagena on Colombia's Caribbean coast. Molasses, which will give the dish a similar caramelly flavour, can be substituted. The beef is marinated for several hours or can be left overnight.

1 piece of topside or top rump of beef, or other suitable cut for pot roasting, weighing about 3½ lbs/1.5kg
3 onions, peeled and grated
½ tsp crushed allspice
1tsp salt
2tsp freshly ground black pepper
2tbsp wine vinegar
4 whole cloves
1 bay leaf
4tbsp molasses sugar
4tbsp water
2fl oz/60ml rum
5fl oz/140ml good red wine

Tie the beef into a round, if this has not already been done. Leave only a very thin covering of fat. Rub the meat all over with the onions, spices, salt, pepper and vinegar. Stick the cloves and bay leaf into the meat. Cover and marinate for several hours or overnight.

Mix the sugar and water, and dissolve in a flameproof casserole that will just take the meat comfortably. Set it over the heat, and turn the meat all over in the syrup. Add the rum, wine and any juices from the meat. Cover, put in the oven, and cook very slowly until the meat is tender enough to cut with a fork. Add water from time to time to keep it moist.

Traditional pot roast

Follow the general recipe and method above, but leave out the allspice, sugar and rum.

Instead of turning the meat in the syrup, simply brown it all over in a non-stick frying pan before putting in the casserole with the wine.

Cooking time in both cases will be about 2½ to 3 hours at no more than 150C/325F/gas mark 2.

When I cook lean cuts of beef, I often include a piece of belly pork with the skin on, which adds a certain unctuousness to the finished dish.

Pear and apple crumble

(serves 6 to 8)

6oz/170g unsalted butter
1lb/455g pears
1lb/455g apples
juice of 1 lemon
6oz/170g unrefined sugar, such as Demerara or light muscovado
6oz/170g plain flour
3oz/85g ground almonds
1tbsp flaked almonds.



Use a little of the butter to grease a pie dish. Peel, core and slice the pears and apples. Toss them in lemon juice to prevent them browning, and sprinkle with 2-3tbsp sugar so that a good syrup is produced. Put the fruit in the pie dish. Dot with another 1oz/30g of the butter. Rub the remaining butter into the flour until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the remaining sugar and the almonds, and spoon the crumble mixture on top of the fruit, pressing it down a little.

Bake in a preheated oven at 180C/350F/gas mark 4 for 30 minutes or so, until the crumble topping is golden.

Tropical fruit crumble

Use the same basic recipe and method as above, but substitute one or two mangoes, depending on size, and three or four ripe but firm bananas for the apples and pears. Instead of ground almonds, use desiccated coconut in the crumble topping.

Cream or yoghurt can be served with either crumble, but I am particularly fond of this warm, rum-flavoured custard. Use passion fruit pulp or orange juice.

Rum and fruit custard

(serves 6-8)

10fl oz/280ml fresh orange juice or pulp of 6 passion fruit plus orange juice to make up 10fl oz/280ml
2-3tbsp sugar
4 free-range egg yolks, lightly beaten
2-3tbsp rum

Put the juice and sugar in a saucepan, and heat gently until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil, and allow to reduce slightly. Remove from the heat, and whisk in the egg yolks until well blended. Strain into a clean saucepan, add the rum, and stir over gentle heat until the custard thickens.

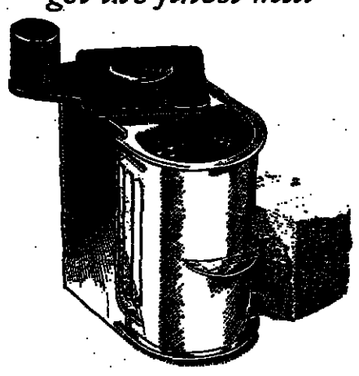
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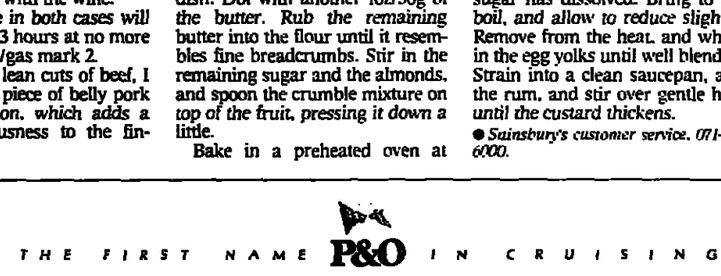
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Ruth Gledhill at the Archbishop of Canterbury's former parish



ARRIVING half an hour early for the evening service at St Nicholas in Durham, I was invited by worship leader John Payne to join a handful of regular members in "a time of prayer for the service". This is a common feature of churches in the evangelical tradition — a path that the church has followed since Dr George Carey, now Archbishop of Canterbury, was its vicar from 1975 to 1982.

It is hard to imagine the church as it once was — when most services were conducted according to the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*, when the building was cold and damp, and hymns were accompanied by the sound of drips from the badly leaking roof. Today, the stiff wooden pews have been replaced by comfortable chairs. A "communion table" instead of an altar stood on the south side of the church, where the Rev Michael Wilcock, the preacher, and Mr Payne stood for our service.

In spite of freezing winds outside, the church was blissfully warm. As four of us prayed in the centre of the church for half an hour, the empty, barn-like structure gradually filled with people — mostly students — dressed casually in jeans, trainers and warm jackets. The church is so popular that the morning service has been split into two, with 350 worshippers at each. The organist, Imogen Taylor, a maths student, was baptised five years ago. She explained the appeal of St Nicholas: "It has good preaching, and it is friendly." The problem with some other churches, she said, was that "either nobody speaks to you or everybody seems to be bored".

Jenny Wade, aged 85 and a regular member for 45 years, said: "This church brings the young people in, and they are the ones who have to carry on when we are gone." She said that her life had been irrevocably changed by an adopt-a-student scheme introduced by Dr Carey during his time there. "Students can get very homesick. We have them for tea or coffee once a fortnight."

After notices of a forthcoming study programme and an invitation to prayers in the chapel later, our service began with a call to repentance. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us," Mr Payne said, leading us to confess that "we have sinned against You and against other people in thought and word and deed". We sang the popular song, "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart", and were asked to think about the lines, "And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us."

Preaching and song are central features of services at St Nicholas. Mr Wilcock, working his way through St Mark's gospel, had reached the end of chapter seven, where Jesus was reported to have healed a deaf mute. "People who meet Jesus in the stories of Mark's gospel find Him amazing," he said. "The words used to describe the reactions of those who encounter Him are 'astonishing', 'surprising' and sometimes 'terrifying'."

The students listened attentively as he explained: "It is Jesus in whom God has come into this world, who says, I am the one you need, I am the one in charge of the forces of nature, who provides for all these people. Put your trust in the gospel which is sufficient, not only for you but for all the world." He led us into prayers, another song and then the Apostles' Creed before the evening collect, intercessionary prayers and spontaneous prayers. We ended with a thanksgiving and a prayer by John Chrysostum, the eastern saint whose evocative liturgies are being used increasingly in western churches. "Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be most expedient for them," we prayed.

In *The Church in the Market Place*, Dr Carey described the trials and triumphs of the transformation he worked on St Nicholas. In his latest book, *Spiritual Journey*, he reports the views of young people who complain that Anglican church worship consists of "long lessons, lots of prayers, dull sermons, hymns that drag on and on." At St Nicholas, these failings seem to be avoided, while valuable elements of traditional worship are preserved.

Anglicans in Durham are praying that Dr Carey will be able to work the same miracle with the Church of England as a whole.

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The Rev Michael Wilcock — "People who meet Jesus in the stories of Mark's gospel find Him amazing"

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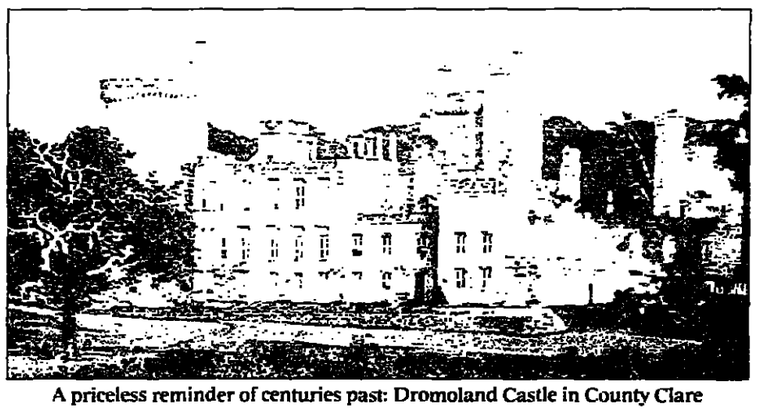
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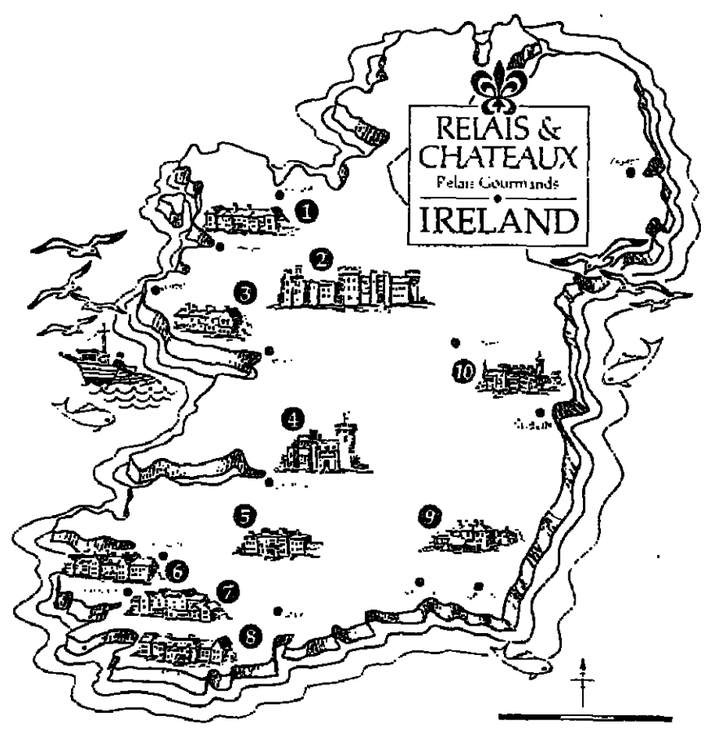
Taking it easy in the Emerald Isle

IRELAND has two legendary castles offering Irish hospitality in an atmosphere where guests can imagine themselves surrounded by strong knights and fair damsels.

Ashford Castle, in County Mayo, dates back to the thirteenth century. Whereas Dromoland in County Clare, seat of the Clan O'Brien — descendants of the Irish kings — was built in 1686. Both combine modern comforts with priceless reminders of their past.

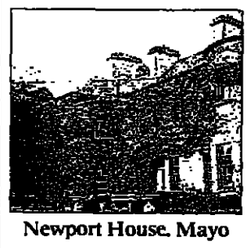
At Dromoland there are wonderful wood and stone carvings, panelling and original oil paintings. Bedrooms are furnished to the highest standards and all have private baths. Dining is always a spectacular affair with prawns, sea and brook trout, tender spring lamb and Irish salmon on the menu.

Dromoland is surrounded by 350 acres of parks and forests. Facilities include an 18-hole golf course, all-weather tennis courts, croquet and bicycling. Nearby is horseback riding, snipe, teal and duck shooting, deep-sea fishing and boating.



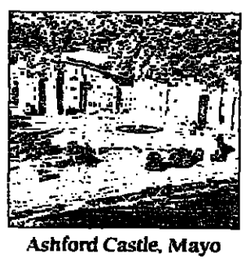
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Newport House, Mayo

2. Ashford Castle. *Cong, Co Mayo (010 353 92 46003).* A turreted castle between two lakes. (Yellow Shield)
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Ashford Castle, Mayo

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4. Dromoland Castle. *Newmarket-On-Fergus, Co Clare (010 353 61 368144).* The ancestral home of the Royal O'Brien clan, filled with reminders of the past. (Yellow Shield)
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5. Longueville Country House. *Mallow, Co Cork (010 353 22 47156).* A Georgian house on the Blackwater River offering fishing free to all guests. (Green Shield)
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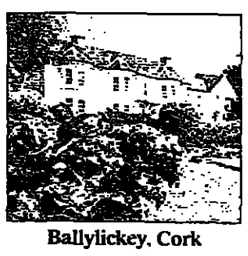
Longueville, Cork

6. Park Hotel Kenmare. *Kenmare, Co Kerry (010 353 64 41200).* A country house on the estuary near the Ring of Kerry with a Michelin star restaurant. (Yellow Shield)
Re-opens April 15.
Normal price for room from IR£135 to IR£205 (dinner from IR£33 to IR£45). Saving up to IR£214 per person.



Sheen Falls, Kerry

7. Sheen Falls Lodge, *Kenmare, Co Kerry (010 353 64 41600).* A country manor with a Michelin star restaurant. (Yellow Shield)
Activities: Health club free to all guests; fishing and equipment — free for Times guests.
Open. Normal price for room from IR£200 to IR£230 (dinner from IR£32.50 to IR£45). Saving up to IR£248 per person.



Ballylickey, Cork

8. Ballylickey Manor House, *Ballylickey, Bantry Bay, Co Cork (010 353 27 50071).* An elegant hunting lodge built by Lord Kenmare in the 17th century set in some of the finest gardens in Ireland. (Green Shield)
Re-opens March 15. Normal price for room from IR£86 to IR£160 (dinner from IR£15 to IR£30). Saving up to IR£80 per person.

9. Marlfield House. *Grey, co Wexford (010 353 55 21124).* The former residence of the Earls of Courtown built in the 19th century. (Yellow Shield)
Activities: Tennis and golf.
Open. Normal price for room from IR£120 to IR£145 (dinner from IR£28.50 to IR£30.50). Saving up to IR£150 per person.



Kildare Country Club

10. Kildare Hotel and Country Club, *Straffan, Co Kildare (010 353 1 6273333).* Offers guests comfort and service with a Michelin star restaurant. (Gold Shield)
Activities: golf green fees — free for Times guests; and outstanding healthclub.
Open all year. Normal price for room from IR£245 to IR£275 (dinner from IR£33 to IR£40). Saving up to IR£272 per person.

A frightful trail of the supernatural in old York



On a ghost walk, there is no knowing who, or what, you will meet in the next haunted alleyway. It's enough to make your hair stand on end



ASADOUR GUZELIAN

Spooking time in a dark corner of York

"You will laugh, you will scream, you will never forget!" proclaim the posters. Forty of us shiver under dripping umbrellas, ready to laugh and scream — but please, will whoever is in charge, hurry up. We have eschewed the more obvious attractions on a rain-drenched Saturday night in York, such as pubs and restaurants, to join an evening ghost tour. As the starting time, 8pm, slips by, however, we nervously wonder whether it's a hoax.

Some people, embarrassed to be on such a trip, huddle in doorways at a discreet distance. Others affect nonchalance. "We're just filling in time before dinner," say Simon and Clare Wilkinson, down from Middlesbrough for a break. Only the children hop about excitedly. Nine-year-old James O'Neill confides that he hasn't "seen a ghost myself but my Mum has". Mrs O'Neill confirms this.

James is here with his six-year-old brother, Jordan, his sister Kimberley and four of Kimberley's friends to celebrate Kimberley's eleventh birthday. "I love ghost stories," she says ecstatically. "After this, we're going home to watch two horror movies (this is news to her father), and then we're all sleeping upstairs in the attic."

Then our guide looms out of the rain — in top hat and Victorian cape — and the sense of expectation is palpable. Secretly, we're all dying to be spooked.

Trevor Rooney, a former stone and woodcarver who has been leading the tours for 12 years, is well qualified for the job. Apart from being thin, deathly pale and lugubrious-looking, he has had two ghostly encounters. Driving near York late one night, a woman flagged him down. When he reversed to the spot, no one was there. As he adjusted his rear-view mirror a few miles later, however, he saw the woman sitting in the back of his car ...

His second experience occurred as he was walking through Coffee Yard, a narrow alley in York. Someone tugged his sleeve so hard it tore. He turned round but no one was there. Returning the next day, he found the frayed ends of his sleeve on the ground ...

Coffee Yard, although we don't know it yet, is where we are heading. With a swirl of his cape, Mr Rooney ducks down a high-walled narrow passage called Mad Alice Lane. Nine-year-old Holly Jones, inches behind me, suddenly screams. Looking up, I barely manage to stifle my own scream — a piece of torn grey sacking, caught on a hook, sways in the breeze.

Mr Rooney gathers us in a small, dimly-lit car park bounded by a high brick wall, on the other side of which is Coffee Yard. Standing on the wall in the amber glow of a street lamp, he looks even sicklier. "Come a bit closer," he encourages.

"One dark night, 12 years ago, a lady was walking down here when she saw a gentleman in a long coat and top hat leaning against the wall, carrying what looked like a cane. Turning round, she saw an identical man barring her way. She ran as fast as she could, passed the first man and when she looked back, both men" — he pauses — "had disappeared." Everybody gasps delightedly. Later, Mr Rooney assures me the story is authentic. "It was a lady I met seven years ago. She has never been down there since."

Eagerly, we listen as he tells how, in 1875, a woman was found murdered with a sword-stick, a crime that remains unsolved. "They found the body just below where I'm standing." On cue, a gruesomely disfigured face appears from behind the wall. Screaming, we fall over one another in our haste to back away. Gabbling foolishly to keep our, um, spirits up, we force ourselves to walk down the alley — to run would look cissy.

I'm almost at the end when out of nowhere the disfigured face leers into mine. I scream and leap at the person behind who squeals in anguish at his bruised toes. The masked face, which I can now see belongs to a figure in a monk's habit, races down the alley, the first of several appearances during the evening.

Giddy with screams and giggles, we gather outside Raffles Tea Rooms in Stonegate, one of York's oldest streets. Here, in the last century, says Mr Rooney, lived a young girl called Flossie. "One night, her father, a wealthy doctor, was holding a party. Her bedroom was in the attic, four floors up." Forty heads crane upwards. "She was leaning over the handrail to watch the party when she slipped and fell 49ft to her death." Forty heads bend down again.

"Five years ago, Patricia, the tea-room manageress, saw a small girl sitting on a shelf in the back. Thinking the child belonged to one of the customers, she went to help her down. As she approached, the girl vanished into thin air!" The dramatic edge of this story is somewhat marred by the high-tech shriek of a car alarm nearby.

Next stop is York Minster, and some predictably ghostly monk stories. Our own "mad monk" has been suspiciously absent for some time, and as we head behind the Minster along a narrow lane towards the 17th-century Treasurer's House, everybody tries not to be last.

The Treasurer's House, Mr Rooney assures us, is probably the most haunted in Britain. "In the 1950s a local plumber, Harry Martindale, was doing some work in the cellars. He heard what he thought was a distant car horn but when he looked up he saw a man in Roman dress blowing a trumpet coming through the solid bricks of the wall. More men followed. The strange thing was that half their legs were below the cellar floor ..." Years later, says Mr Rooney, during rewiring work, the remains of a Roman road were uncovered — "below the level of the cellar floor".

We next gather under the dark, dripping eaves of the 15th-century timbered St William's College. Once the home of the Minister's chantry priests, it is now a conference centre and restaurant. "But things mysteriously disappear in the kitchens," says Mr Rooney. This, he encourages us to believe, is not unconnected to the fact that, 400 years ago, the caretaker murdered the Archbishop of York and hid the body for two years until, overcome by guilt, he committed suicide.

We've now all become intoxicated with fear, starting at every car horn. We shriek encouragement as Mr Rooney and the mad monk loon about outside the steamy plate-glass window of a pizza restaurant. The startled customers stare out at us in stunned incomprehension. We find it outrageously funny.

The walk finishes down a suitably deserted alley, site of the Victorian workhouse. "The ghosts here are all children," says Mr Rooney. He leers at Kimberley and her friends, who squeal delightedly. "The workhouse manager went mad and massacred all the homeless children." He points out several townhouses at the end of the alley. "When they built those new homes, over 175 skeletons were found." We shiver. "Do sleep well tonight," he says.

Some of us join Mr Rooney and the mad monk — alias 17-year-old, pony-tailed Lee Johnstone — for a drink in a nearby pub. Tonight, everybody has stayed the course. "But some people can't cope," Mr Rooney sighs. "Particularly in Coffee Yard. As soon as they get out, they're off, even though they've already paid." Earlier this year, two women fainted on the same evening, and an ambulance had to be called. "Both said they felt something very powerful come over them," Mr Rooney says.

Others have been tapped on the shoulder and, on turning round, found no one there. Mr Rooney says clairvoyants have told him that he has a special aura. "They say spirits are all around me. I do believe in ghosts and in the forces of good and evil." The illusion is only slightly marred when the mad monk removes his hood to reveal a Walkman.

HELEN PICKLES

Where to find ghouls

YORK
Ghostly Tours of York: every night throughout year. Meet 8pm, King's Square, near the Shambles. Adult £2.50, child £1.50 (0904 638759).
The Original Ghost Walk of York: every night throughout year. Meet 8pm, King's Arms pub, King's Staith (by Ouse Bridge). Adult £2.50, child £2 (0904 646463).

BATH
Ghost Walks of Bath: Monday-Friday, May-October; Fridays only, November-April. Meet 8pm, outside Garrick's Head pub, Sawclose. Adult £3, concs £1.50 (0225 463618).

CHESTER
Ghost Hunter Tour: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May-October. Private bookings all year. Meet 7.30pm, Tourist information centre, Town Hall, Northgate Street. Adult £1.95, concs £1.25 (0244 318356).

EDINBURGH
Witchery Murder and Mystery Tour: Throughout year. Various tours from 7pm. Meet outside Witchery Restaurant, 352 Castlehill. Booking essential. £5 per person (031-225 6745).
Witchery Ghost and Gore Tour: every night, May-September. Meet 7pm as above. Adult £5, child £3.
Ghosts and Witches: every night throughout year. Meet 7pm, outside Tourist information centre, Princes Street. Adult £3, concs £2.50, child £2 (031-661 0125).
Dr Jekyll's Horror Walk: every night, Easter-January. Meet 9pm, details as above.

GLASGOW
Glasgow Ghost Tour: every Wed, Fri, Sun throughout year. Meet 8pm, Tron Theatre, Trongate. Adults £5, concs £4 (041-357 3826).
Glasgow Victorian Murder Tour: Tues and Thurs throughout year. Meet 8pm, Captain's Rest pub, Great Western Road. Adults £3.50, concs £2.50 (041-357 3826)

LEICESTER
Ghost Hunts: monthly, June-December. Adult £6, child £4.50 (0533 650555).

LONDON
Ghosts of the Old City: Tuesday, Saturday throughout year. Meet 7.30pm, St Paul's Underground entrance. Adults £4, concs £3 (071-624 3978).
Ghosts of the West End: Monday, Thurs, all year. Meet 7.30pm, Embankment Tube entrance. Adults £4, concs £3 (071-624 3978).
Jack The Ripper Walk: every night throughout year. Meet 8pm, Aldgate East Underground. Adult £4, concs £3 (071-256 8973).
Ghosts, Ghouls and Graveyards of London: every night March-October. Meet 9pm, Blackfriars Underground. Adult £4, concs £3 (071-256 8973).

NORTHAMPTON
Northampton Ghost Walk: Occasionally throughout year. Adult £2, child £1 (details: 0604 22677).

NOTTINGHAM
Nottingham Ghost Walk: Saturdays throughout year. Meet 7pm, Nottingham Castle gatehouse. (Also midday, Saturday and Sunday, Easter Sunday-October) Adult £3, child £2 (0773 719490).

For many tours booking is not essential — just turn up. The above list is not comprehensive. For tours elsewhere, telephone the local tourist information centre.

The author **Michel Tournier** confesses his sins and celebrates his saving graces

vices & VIRTUES

SLOTH: The fact is that I have published only half as much as most other writers of my age. I am the opposite of precocious. I published my first book *(Friday)* at 42.

GLUTTONY: I adore eating, but not in large quantities. The quality I most appreciate is freshness.

WRATH: I sometimes explode with anger. The last time, the victim was a clerk in the Metro who would not give me change.

LUST: What is bad is making love without love. I have never touched a body without affection.



PRIDE: I want to be proud of what I write, whether it's a long novel or a short newspaper article.

ENVY: As a child, when I came across some particularly beautiful sentences in books I was reading, I used to copy them out in an exercise book. This was a way of assuaging my jealousy and of making them my own. I see it as a sign of a literary vocation.

AVARICE: The most heart-rending scene in the classical theatre repertory is in Molière's *L'Avare*, when Harpagon howls with pain because someone has stolen his gold. I felt I would like to experience such a magnificent passion, so I bought myself a gold ingot. Alas, I've lost it. I have no vocation for avarice.

JUSTICE: When a child leaves his family to go to school, he is leaving a milieu in which love and preference prevail and entering a society in which justice and equality prevail. He has to learn that he cannot expect any affection either from his teachers or from his schoolfellows. As a child, I never accepted this.

FAITH: No happiness is possible without the feeling of a strong presence in whom one can put one's trust.

CHARITY: I have never really understood this notion, even though it is fundamental to Christianity.

FORTITUDE: During the war, I was in danger of death several times. I wasn't ever frightened. I don't think it's a question of courage. It's more like thoughtlessness, or great indifference to death.

HOPE: I have always had the childish conviction that a good fairy was watching over me and would protect me from real calamities.

PRUDENCE: Avoid taking unnecessary risks. This is a reflex that I acquired late in life. I see it as a sign of aging.

Interview by Edward Marriott
Translated by Barbara Wright

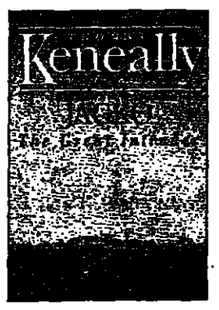
What the papers said: **Derwent May's** bookbuyers' guide

Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers.

3/5 **Jacko of Oz:** After his success with *Schindler's Ark* (now on the screen as *Schindler's* — or Spielberg's — *List*), the Australian writer Thomas Keneally evidently wanted to try something different in his new book, *Jacko. The Great Intruder* (Hodder, £15.99). "It's my first romp novel," he told an interviewer in *The Independent* — and Jill Neville, good Aussie that she is, duly announced in her *Daily Mail* review that "a beautiful mad romp" was what it was.

Other reviewers were not so sure. Jacko is a rumbustious Aussie who has become an American television star: his speciality is climbing in through people's windows to interview them. Sean French in *The Times* found him to be "little more than a version of Barry Humphries's Barry McKenzie in his cartoon strip, the good-hearted digger leaving Oz to travel in perilous Manichaean lands". French was dismayed by the "baggy slackness of *Jacko*, its reliance on stereotypes".

In *The Sunday Times*, Anthony Quinn said that Jacko is presented as a "holy fool" but is really no more than an "intrusive pest". However, Quinn acknowledged that Keneally "juggles his plotlines" skilfully. In *The Daily Telegraph*, James Walton thought the narrative parts were "admirable ... Jacko gets into some fine scrapes"; but he was upset by the constant interruption of "little lectures on the Australian film industry or the death of Communism, and not-so-little ones on the omnipotence of television". He was reminded of Harriet, in E.M. Forster's *Where Angels Fear to Tread*, who "always delivered a platitude as if it were an epigram". "A patchy, likeable, entertaining, not quite satisfactory novel," he concluded.
Col cms: 106



2/5 **Not cricket!:** A cry of dismay went up from the cricket fans when they read *John Arlott: A Memoir* (Deutsch, £14.99), by his son Timothy Arlott. It was the last chapter that upset them, with its description of the decline and fall of "the Voice of Cricket". "A selfish, demanding, limited and impossible old man — all one is left with is this last image," said Phil Edmonds in *The Sunday Express*. "Yet early passages should be compulsory reading for all school leavers," he went on. "They imbue the reader with confidence, enthusiasm and drive." In *The Sunday Times*, Roy Hattersley evoked his own memories of the man, and his "strange progress from hospital clerk to policeman, from policeman to BBC poetry producer, and from BBC producer to cricket commentator". But he, too, hated the "last, sad chapter ... It is a strange way for 'a loving son' to behave."

In *The Independent on Sunday*, Simon O'Hagan thought that Timothy Arlott had trod "an uncomfortable path between trying to preserve his father's public standing and showing us the troubled, tragic figure he knew in private". The writing was "either dull, or clumsy, or both". Graeme Wright in *The Daily Telegraph* was less troubled: he thought the book was "affectionate" and "easy to read", and merely observed of the last chapter that "John's melancholy and his declining health are tellingly catalogued". Michael Prodger in *The Sunday Telegraph* was about the only reviewer to give the book unqualified praise: it was "sympathetic, poignant and unblinking". He thought, rightly enough, that Timothy would be criticised "for showing that his father had feet of clay" — but he "found it a true act of love".
Col cms: 149

3/5 **Monsterpiece:** Michael Ayrton, the prickly and provocative artist who died in 1975, has been rather forgotten of late, but his step-granddaughter Justine Hopkins has just produced the first biography, *Michael Ayrton* (Deutsch, £25). Jenny Uglow in *The Independent on Sunday* liked both the book ("she follows his life and obsessions with a calm precision") and the man ("curious, charismatic") but had little to say about his art ("resonant"). Fiona MacCarthy in *The Observer* felt that the author was unable to distance herself enough from Ayrton to make judgments about him, but she found him an "interesting monster ... saturninely handsome and relentlesly articulate". As for his work, the sculptures, such as his great Minotaurs, were "both too brainy and too brawny", but his paintings had a surprising "edginess and brilliance". She called for a retrospective of his work.

In *The Times*, I suggested that the book, though compendious, was too much of a slave to detail to give a sharp impression of Ayrton. But I greatly admire some of his Icarus and *Minotaur sculptures*, and urged the Tate to acquire at least one fine bronze. Moira Shearer in *The Daily Telegraph* thought the book "often fascinating", if "too densely-written". But as a former dancer, she was most concerned about "the mistakes in the book about the ballet world".
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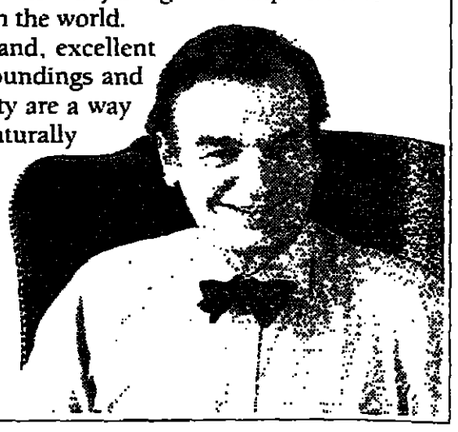


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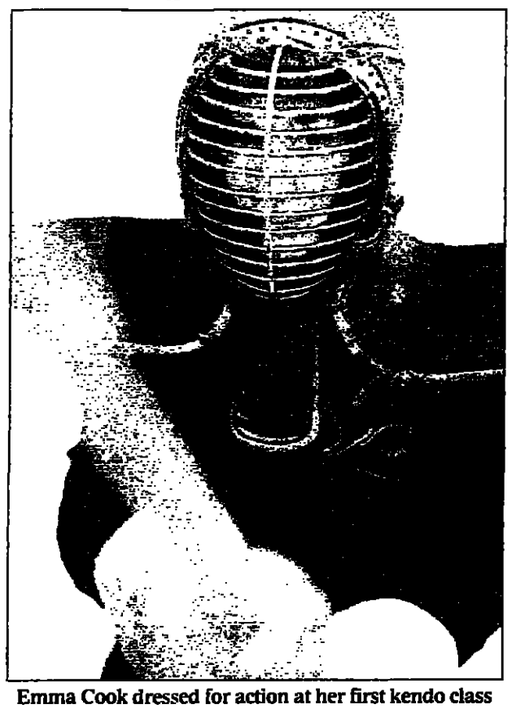
صكنا من الاصل

Vent your pent-up aggression by taking up kendo, a martial art devised by the Samurai

Tamed by a deadly art

It begins quietly enough. Two lines of 20 people, in masks and gauntlets, kneeling in meditation. Then the teacher claps once, and they're on their feet, charging across the room, looking deadlier than the stars of the film *Seven Samurai*. Cutting the air with "shinai" (bamboo swords), their blood-curdling screams of "Eeeee" and then "Ahhhhh" fill the room. The noise alone would send an army fleeing.

"Give it more power," shouts the instructor Jeff Humm. 'You're supposed to be cutting through your opponent's arms and body." Mr Humm, an interior decorator, has been teaching kendo for ten years and holds weekly classes in Bloomsbury Theatre's sports centre, in north London. The martial art is, he believes, an ideal way of expressing aggression in a controlled environment. "I can let out all my anger in here, then go home and get on with the washing up," he says. "My wife says I'm much easier to live with."



Emma Cook dressed for action at her first kendo class

Kendo was originally developed by Samurai swordsmen in the 13th century as a lethal form of combat. It is one of the oldest styles of Japanese fighting technique. By the 15th century, relations between teacher and pupil were formally established and it was taught as a means of self-improvement and discipline. In the 18th century, the real sword was replaced with the "shinai", allowing practice with blows that would not kill.

> "I let out all my anger. It makes me easier to live with"

The blows are aimed at three target areas: "men" (head), "kote" (wrist) and "do" (the trunk). Armour, made from layers of cloth, is essential. It includes a helmet, jacket, trousers, gauntlet and a loin protector. Even through these layers, one can still feel the impact of hard blows, "but not enough to give you any pain", says Mr Humm. Movements involve stepping forward, always with the right foot, raising the "shinai" above the head with both hands, bringing it down on each side of the opponent's "men" (head), stepping back to repeat the action on his "kote" (wrist) and charging past keeping the sword raised.

Beginners practise these techniques on an instructor. Facing him, I lift my "shinai" and tap him gently. "Bash me harder," he orders through the metal grill of his mask. On the next attempt, I yell "men" at the top of my voice and deliver two hefty blows to his head. Evidently, this is where the aggression is released. As we gain confidence the howls get louder and the strikes come harder and swifter.

As well as releasing stress, the martial art can offer emotional awareness. "You have to face up to a range of feelings in kendo," says Mr Humm, who believes that it has helped people to overcome fear and self-doubt in everyday life. Levi Emmanuel, an economics lecturer at London University, uses it more as a form of therapy than as self-defence. "The fight is always against yourself. The opponent symbolises your inner problems."

Despite the therapeutic benefits, kendo's following is small compared with that of other martial arts. Although there is a national team competing in international championships, fewer than 800 people practise in Britain.

Women have not tended to take up the art. Mr Humm believes they may be deterred by its violent appearance. Confronted with 40 men in armour, screaming and brandishing deadly-looking swords, it is not that surprising. However, Ms Daniella joined the class because the art's image attracted her. "In normal life I don't shout and scream. I'm quite an introvert and it's a part of my character I want to change," she says.

According to Mr Humm, women are just as good at kendo as men. "When men's emotions are threatened they can only express aggression whereas women are more controlled. They bide their time and then use the right technique."

If kendo appeals, give it a try. To start with all you need are a tracksuit and sweatshirt. A club will lend equipment. If you get hooked, the "shinai" costs £15 and the uniform from £200. For experts such as Mr Humm, the uniform is symbolic. "Samurai soldiers died in it so you have to have respect. It's like my second skin."

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- *British Kendo Association, 081-644 1369.*
- *Kendo at Bloomsbury Theatre, Gordon St, London. Every Wed, 7.30pm-9.30pm. Contact Jeff Humm, 081-859 1124.*
- *Kenseikai Kendo Club, Langdon Park Sports Centre, Poplar, London. Every Thursday, 8.00pm-9.30pm. Contact Keith Hazelwood, 071-515 8653.*

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Kendo, once used to kill, still looks aggressive and brutal but is valued today for its uplifting effect

May the force of life be with you

INTEGRAL to martial arts is what the Chinese call chi energy, the force that keeps us alive. Oriental doctors believe this runs along a network of channels (meridians) around the body, invisible yet vital, and is strongly associated with breath.

All is well if the life force be with you, and your chi is in full flow. To keep chi fluent acupuncturists tune in to the meridians and free any blockages. The centre or cauldron of subtle energy lies deep in the belly, a few inches below the navel. From here you can summon up and direct your chi, often experienced as warmth or tingling. Hence, perhaps, the notion that ancient Chinese warmed themselves in bitter conditions by imagining a fire in their belly.

To practise any martial art — from the most gentle to sumo wrestling — you must learn to work with chi. With soft martial arts, such as t'ai chi, emphasis lies in harnessing energy through fluid, dance-like movements, which keep you revitalised and healthy. In aikido you work in pairs to harmonise your collective energy. The key is to redirect rather than block energy, so you use your opponent's own momentum against them, thus minimising effort.

HARD martial arts, such as karate or kendo, focus on physical fighting skills. In these chi is extended beyond the body (via the sword in kendo) into combat, accompanied by cries of "hoos!" or "kiai!". But awareness and proper breathing are crucial to boosting chi. Thus even apparently aggressive forms, such as sumo, are dependent on correct posture and breathing. Finding this flow in motion enables people to perform seemingly impossible feats of strength.

Weaponless fighting evolved in China where Taoist monks who, forbidden to carry arms, regularly had to defend themselves with their hands and feet. For the earliest martial artists the meditative awareness involved was a means of spiritual development; and today the spiritual remains a valued dimension.

If working on something as nebulous, even elusive, as your chi seems too uncertain, more tangible benefits are improved health, self-awareness and a greater sense of well-being. Therapy in motion, you might say.

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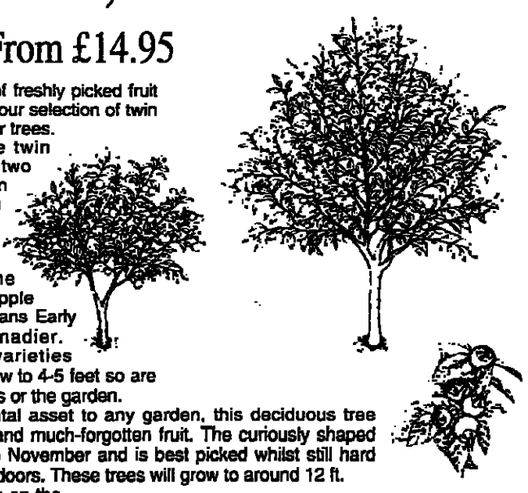
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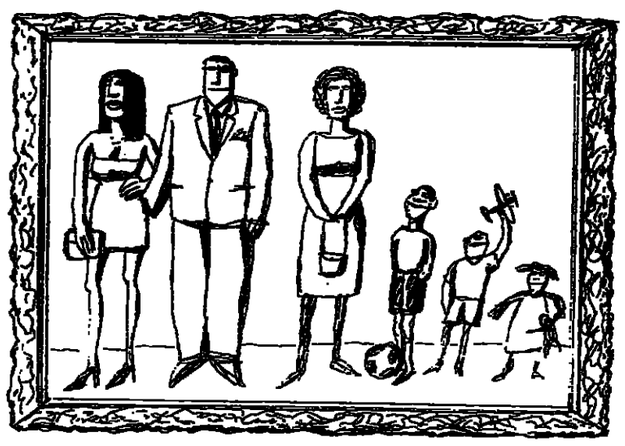
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A look at the world of international trends and trend-setters



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Spain

SHRINKING FAMILY
The traditional Spanish family — husband, wife, eight children, husband's mistress — is falling apart. Enter divorce, exit traditional family man. The consequence: fewer children born and serious alarm at Spain's falling birthrate — from an average 1.9 children per family in 1982 to 1.23 in 1992.

MIX AND MACHO
Growing numbers of customers frequent Madrid's new, trendy singles' bars. The women (eager) are made-up, dressed-up and single. The men (cruising) are macho and, often, married. The most popular bars are to be found in Serrano, the smartest part of town.

BARE NECESSITIES
Another new forum for display is the strip-show — the male strip-show. No teasing peek-a-boo Chippendales here, all is laid bare in the name of sexual equality. Social equality means that the shows go on in the chic centres and the industrial suburbs alike.

FEMININE TOUCH
How do young women, traditionally supported by their menfolk, afford their modern pleasures? With the Government's help, they go into business. A special women-only business loan has been introduced for the under 30s.

DAVID AND GOLIATH
The bare-chested, muscle-bound host of the popular television programme, *El Juego de la Oca* (The Goose Game) tests the strength and daring of puny contestants. Losers (and there are many) pay a forfeit. The viewers' favourite is head-shaving, especially when the contestant is a woman with long, glossy hair.

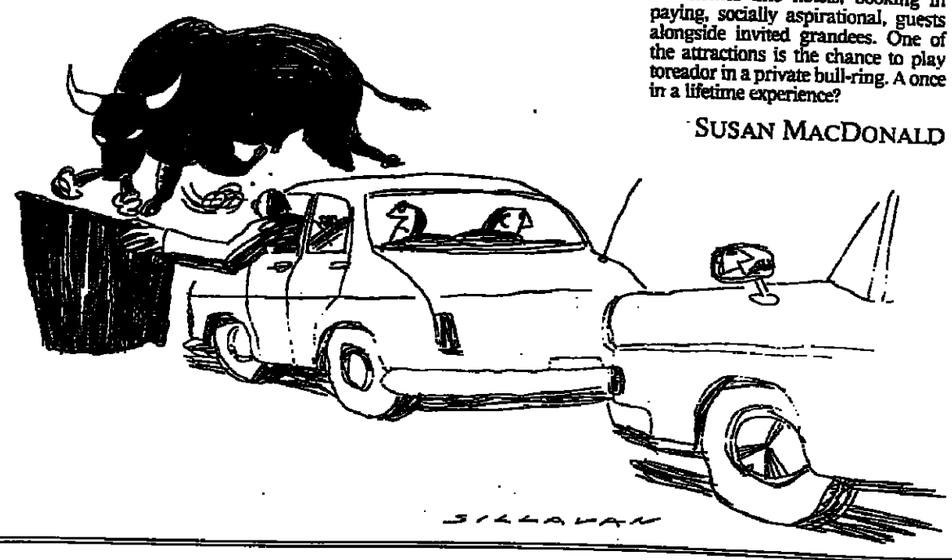
MONKEY BUSINESS
Last straw for the male ego was a discussion on men's prowess in the television sex programme *Queremos Saber* (We Want to Know). Mercedes Milá, the hostess, stated simply that even monkeys indulge in foreplay.

CHEEK TO CHEEK
The financially challenged (Spain has more job-seekers under 25 than any other Western European country) in search of entertainment order "minis" — litre glasses of beer to share — pity s/he who gets the short straw.

RED HERRING?
True or false? Spanish weekend-long rave parties are called *ruta baccalao* (the codfish route). True. Barns and warehouses between Madrid and Valencia are used. Presumably the name is to put police off the scent.

A BULL MARKET
Money-hungry yuppies turn weekend homes into hotels, booking in paying, socially aspirational, guests alongside invited grandees. One of the attractions is the chance to play toreador in a private bull-ring. A once in a lifetime experience?

SUSAN MACDONALD



Buyers face the dress test

The professional store buyers try to predict our tastes, but what do they wear themselves?

CHRIS MOORE







Left: from Nicole Farhi, spring/summer '94 collection. Linen knit long waistcoat, £109, suede overshirt, £389, cream linen jeans, £75. Available from Nicole Farhi nationwide.

Above: from Liz Claiborne, spring/summer '94 collection. Denim-coloured chambray sleeveless shirt with breast pockets, from £47; chambray shorts with rope belt, from £39. Available from House of Fraser stores.

Above right: from Kookaï, spring/summer '94 collection. Red chiffon slip-dress, £39.99, worn under plum viscose mini dress, £19.99. Available from Kookaï nationwide.

The new season's collections have hit the shops and there is excitement tinged with nerves among store buyers as their buying predictions are put to the test. They picked out what we might want this season more than six months ago, but what will these professional shoppers themselves be wearing this spring?

Angela Quaintrell (below in a black silk jacquard dress by Gesine Moritz, £389) is senior fashion buyer for Liberty's designer collections and one of the most influential buyers in Britain. Her departments represent the cutting-edge of fashion with Issey Miyake, Koji Tatsuno, Flyte Ostell and Rifat Osbek, as well as more establishment designers such as Nicole Farhi, Betty Jackson and Jasper Conran. Ms Quaintrell has a policy of wearing clothes by designers she sells.

"I love wearing clothes that are fashionable and unusual in easy shapes," she says, "but never tailored. I don't want to end up looking like the 'ladies buyer' in a little suit." Her personal taste is to mix pieces by different designers. "One of the main changes over the past couple of seasons is that people don't want to be dressed head to toe in one co-ordinated label," she says. "They want to see separate pieces, then build their own outfit with an individual look."

For the spring she has bought herself a Miyake soft jacket and long fluid skirt in "morning cloud" twisted fabric, as well as Pleats Please trousers, which are made of tiny fan-like permanent pleats. "The Pleats Please are so practical: you can just throw them in the washing machine and there's no ironing in the morning." She avoids bright colours and wears black, natural, or navy with a flash of white in the summer.

For her customers, "aged 30 plus, professional women or wives of Harley Street doctors", Ms Quaintrell reckons that dresses will be popular. There are also lots of natural fabrics, transparents and sheers, which she says should be worn layered for the feeling of transparency.

Vivian Rahamim (pictured below wearing stripey knitted top, £37.99, and cream knit skirt, £37.99, by Kookaï) is the buying director of Kookaï in London. She wears several completely new Kookaï looks every season. "But then I'm clothes mad," she says, "so I'm always getting rid of the old and bringing in the new." For spring she has chosen a cream linen fitted jacket, sheer layered slip-dresses and pieces from the Kookaï combat and khaki *M*A*S*H* look.

Popular with women aged 20 to 40, Kookaï offers a brand of fun, affordable, funky fashion which looks up-to-the-minute for about 60 seconds. Ms Rahamim says: "The nature of Kookaï is that it's fast moving, high trend and you just keep on buying. There are no clothing restrictions for the buyers other than dressing in an exciting inspirational way."

Lynne Paterson (pictured below wearing a Grace Collection dark olive trouser suit: jacket, £135, and trousers, £75) is the buyer for co-ordinated daywear at Jenners, Edinburgh's leading department store, and is responsible for designers such as Betty Barclay, Fenn Wright and Manson, Liz Claiborne and InWear. Her personal style for work is "business-like without being formal" and she wears the designers she represents as much as possible. "It's very important for me to promote what we're selling," she says.

According to Ms Paterson, the working woman's dress style in Edinburgh is becoming less formal. Instead of traditional suits, there are more co-ordinated separates. Comfort is Ms Paterson's main criterion. "I wear what suits me rather than just something fashionable," she says.

Susie Faux buys for her London dress-consultancy service, which advocates understated dress for business success. For 21 years, Wardrobe has been helping dress "serious, intelligent, businesswomen", including MPs, doctors, lawyers, models, media types and a mushroom grower. Ms Faux has the same wardrobe for work and play, and wants an outfit to be able to cross from day to evening. For spring, she has picked out a cream wool three-piece suit from the German designer Jil Sander, which she loves for its cut and flexibility. "With this suit I can take off the jacket, add a necklace and go out to dinner," she says.

She predicts radiating health as the fashion look for this year, "because healthy means sexy, means attractive".

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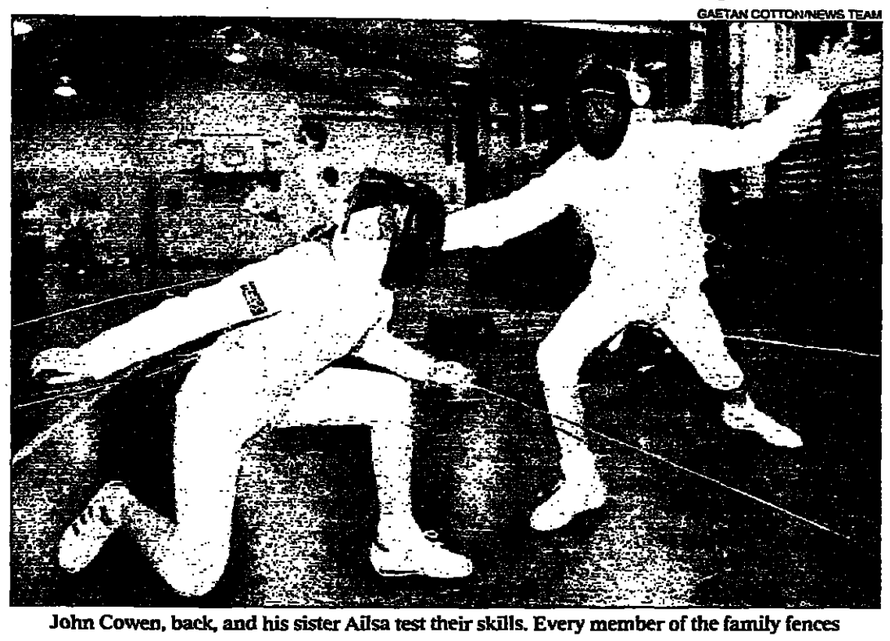
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John Cowen, back, and his sister Ailsa test their skills. Every member of the family fences

While you are reading this on a Saturday morning, 12-year-old Ailsa Cowen will be practising her fencing footwork in the hall at home in Shropshire. Her moves are perfect and amazingly graceful as her nimble feet dart first one way and then another against an imaginary opponent. But, even though the entrance hall is larger than the average, there is not much elbow room. Ailsa, who has been fencing since she was five years old, has to jostle for space with the rest of the family: John, aged 14, Frances, 15, and Fiona, 17, who are keen fencers, too. Indeed, Fiona has been the British under-20 champion for the past two years.

"We tried to put them off for as long as possible," says their mother Ismay, a professional coach, who met her husband, also a fencing coach, through the sport. "In fact, we made Fiona wait until she was ten because we didn't want to push her. But when Ailsa and John were small and I couldn't find a babysitter, I had to take them along to schools when I was coaching. And that gave them the bug."

An increasing number of children from five upwards are taking up fencing, often at weekends at local clubs. "Not every child likes ball games," says Mrs Cowen. "We get children who aren't very good at rugby or netball but who take to fencing very readily. You learn to co-ordinate your body and become very aware of it through the footwork."

Discipline forms a vital part of the sport, according to coach Brian Pitman, vice-president of the British Academy of Fencing. "One of the first points I teach beginners is how to sit down quietly on guard. I might then start a beginner off by putting a foil in his or her hands and explain that the object is to hit the other person with the point on a target area. They soon find that this is not easy when the other person knows he's about to be attacked."

Dougal Irvine, 15, began fencing at 12, when a local coach started classes at his village school near Cambridge. "He liked the idea of waving a foil around but soon found that there was more to fencing than a bravado image," says his mother, Sandi Irvine.

Dougal enjoys fencing because "it's athletic and you need to think fast. I also like the competitive structure: I've won two golds for the under-16 section in the eastern region and I'm number five in the national rankings for the under-17s." The Amateur Fencing Association also runs a system of examinations from grade one (for beginners) up to nine.

Such prizes do not come cheaply. Dougal's father Robin Irvine, a research biochemist, clocks up two weekly trips of 160 miles to Colchester so that his son can train under a national coach. "It can be quite a strain — especially travelling around the country for competitions," says Mrs Irvine.

Fencing kit is another expense. Most clubs provided a jacket, mask, gloves and foil for beginners, but when it comes to buying them, they can easily set you back £200. Lessons at local level can cost as little as £1.50, although the price is higher for a well-known coach.

Foreign competitions can send your budget through the roof. "We probably spend about £600 a year on fencing for all the children," says Mrs Cowen. "We'd like to see more sponsorship for the sport: a little goes a long way."

Fencing is much cheaper if you keep it on a local level, as the Coultrops from Colchester do. Oliver Coultrop, 11, and his brother Edward, 14, attend the Saturday Fencing Club, which is held for eight-year-olds upwards at a sports centre attached to their school. The price is only £1.60 a session and there is a pool of equipment to borrow. They also train every Friday night at the Colchester and District Fencing Club, where the monthly junior membership — including weekly lessons — is £12.

"They have great fun at local level," says their father, Jonathan Coultrop, a civil engineer and an "on-and-off" fencer for the past 30 years. "We're not keen on doing the circuit, like some families. Getting up at 3am in order to be at an event 200 miles away by 9am is not our idea of family life."

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Once the badge of the playground outcast and the hopeless frump, glasses are suddenly glamorous again

Specs put a sparkle back into the stars' eyes

'Men seldom make passes at girls who wear glasses," says Marilyn Monroe in the 1953 film *How To Marry A Millionaire* and she seems to have been right. Glasses, face furniture, bifocals used to be the one item certain to transform sexpots into schoolmarms and heart-throbs into spinster aunts. They turned Superman into a mere mortal and most males into wimps.

Only Hitchcock's *Strangers On A Train* managed to feature a bespectacled woman character who also oozed sex, and she was killed off for her sins, her strangulation reflected in the lenses that had fallen from her face.

Miss Monroe would stumble blind as a bat rather than be a crude, cultural stereotype with her horniness hemmed in by horn-rimmed glasses. Bette Davis removed hers before scenes. Jane Mansfield did the same. And if they ever got anywhere with glasses, they usually steamed up in the warm-up and fell off during the passionate scenes.

It was not just in films that spectacles were reviled. Remember the days when blue National Health specs meant hell in the playground and a career as an accountant?

Sunglasses, of course, are different. Like the white shirt, they have always been an essential fashion accessory. They are mysterious and confusing. You can be as ugly and as hungover as you want, with bloodshot eyes and crow's feet, but somehow it doesn't matter.

But now specs appeal is in. If eyes are the windows of the soul, then glasses have suddenly become the velvet swag curtains. Jean-Paul Gaultier, Kenzo, Moschino, Ralph Lauren and Karl Lagerfeld have entered the market and are finding it as busy as in-house scent once was. People who wouldn't think of paying £800 for an Armani suit can buy the glasses for about £100.

Why spend hours poring over books in the library toning up those brain cells, when instant intelligence can be balanced on the end of one's nose? From Sylvester Stallone to Michael J. Fox, stars have found respectability and wisdom is only a pair of round-rimmed specs away. Naomi Campbell wears her Blue Bay frames all the time.

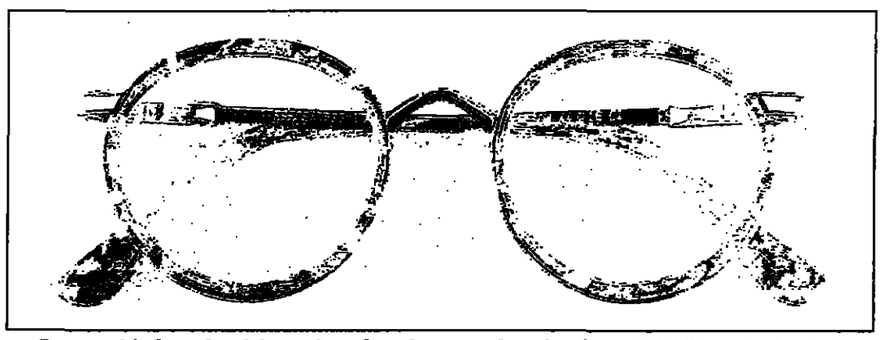
Also the chances are that most people will one day be a myope or a hyperope or even a presbyope. More than two thirds of British adults now wear corrective lenses. Contact lenses are a pain with all that squidging around with your eyeball, lenses dropping out and solutions leaking. Companies are also starting to bring out new products that combine optical quality with greater elegance, so even those with the worst sight don't have to fret about dumpy lenses.

The square asexual designer glasses of the 1980s and the muted preppy lines of City analysts have been replaced by sexy, sophisticated and glamorous designs. Oval faces suit most frames. But if you have small features you will need lightweight frames and ones with wide arms soften the edge of the face. Heart-shaped faces look good with delicate metal frames and round faces get more definition from wide oval frames. Pastel shades only suit fair-skinned maids and tortoiseshell and reddy-browns suit olive skins. Prime ministers should wear large frames to denote openness.

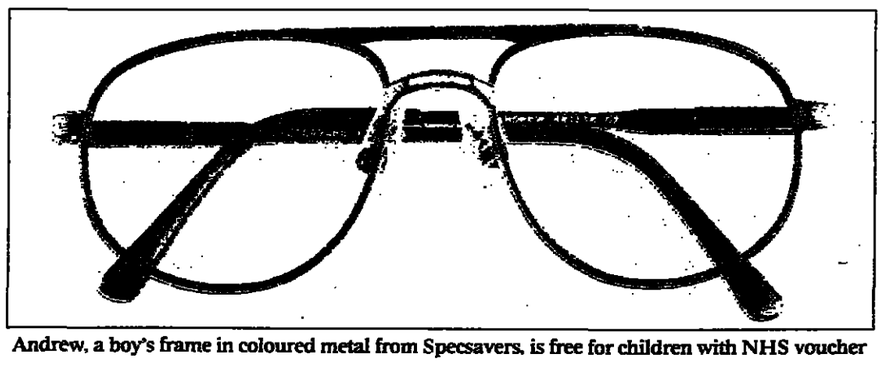
If you still can't cope with the thought of glasses, are not squeamish and have a spare £1,000, you can now have an operation which involves skimming off slices of the cornea to correct eyesight.

But if you really become attached to your glasses, you could always buy the Virtual vision sports glasses. They have a built-in television for about £500.

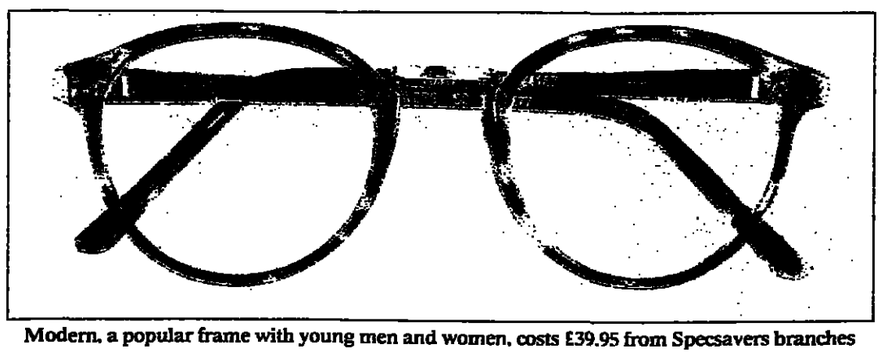
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Caron, a girl's frame in rainbow colours from Specsavers branches, free with NHS voucher (see box)



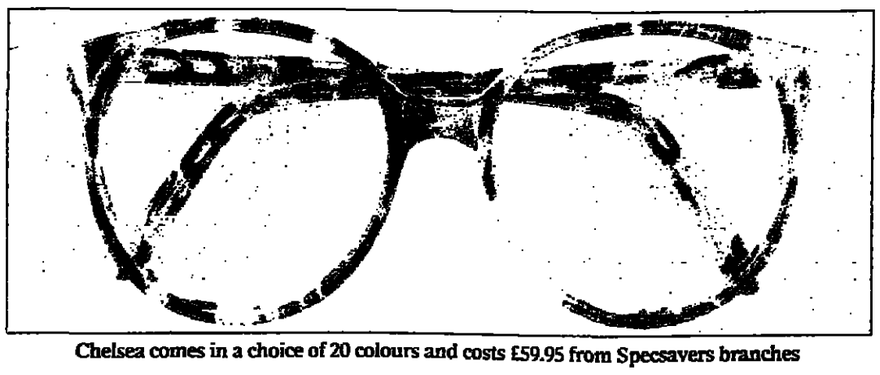
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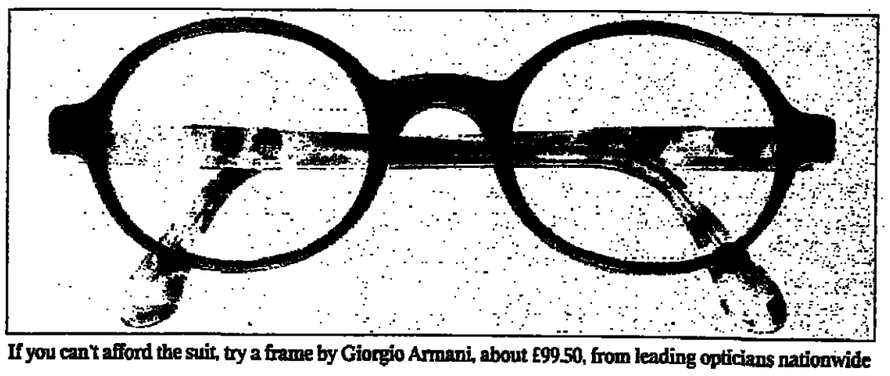
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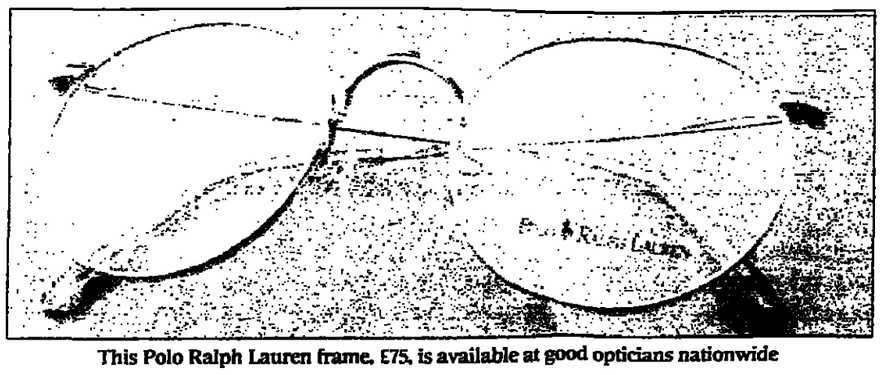
Now where did I put my glasses? A selection of the frame styles available from branches of David Clulow, to fit every shape of face



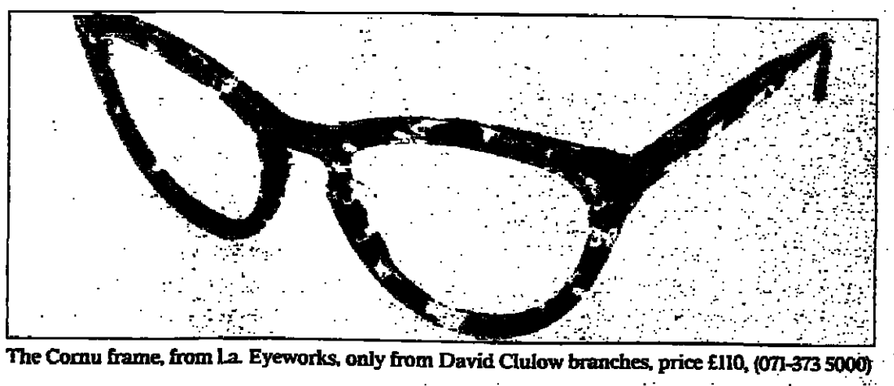
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If you can't afford the suit, try a frame by Giorgio Armani, about £99.50, from leading opticians nationwide



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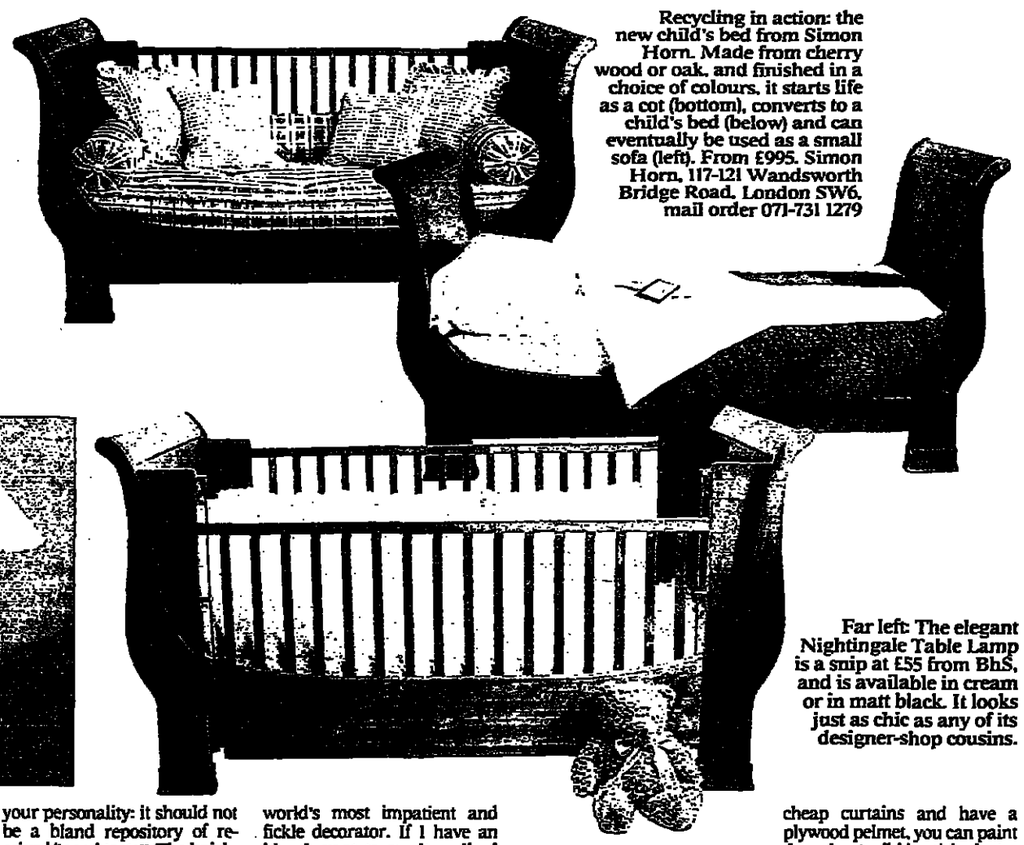


Television presenter Ulrika Jonsson, female Spectacle Wearer of the Year (1994), proves that 'four eyes' is no longer an insult

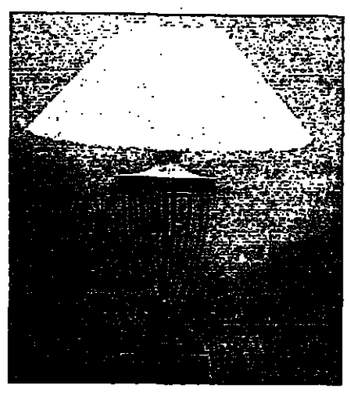
- Prices of all Specsavers frames include plastic single-vision lenses.
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How to be free from the decor police

Staplers, glue and fabric transform your home and make for quick changes when you want to sell — without costing the earth



Recycling in action: the new child's bed from Simon Horn. Made from cherry wood or oak, and finished in a choice of colours, it starts life as a cot (bottom), converts to a child's bed (below) and can eventually be used as a small sofa (left). From £995. Simon Horn, 117-121 Wandsworth Bridge Road, London SW6, mail order 071-731 1279



Far left: The elegant Nightingale Table Lamp is a snip at £55 from BhS, and is available in cream or in matt black. It looks just as chic as any of its designer-shop cousins.

An American friend once explained to me that in the part of New Jersey from which he hailed it was essential to one's social wellbeing to redecorate and refurnish the house from top to bottom at least once every five years in keeping with the style of a particular period.

Until then I had thought Bauhaus was the German for kennel, and it had never occurred to me that anyone would bedeck a house from attic to cellar in slavish imitation of a long-gone era.

Nowadays, redecoration hysteria is rife on this side of the Atlantic, too, and far too *much money and emotional* energy are being expended on interior design. We have been dangerously intimidated by the décor police — and it shows. Our flats and houses are beginning to look like stage sets, not homes.

Why should everything be *relentlessly authentic? What* possesses trend-a-holics to spend the average person's annual income on curtains that look as if the cat has been swinging on them since Chippendale was a boy? Or dismal faux-needlepoint upholstery fabrics that most 18th-century householders would have been saving to replace? Or, worst of all, tweed furniture with a "distressed" effect created by clever paint techniques? If you're lucky enough to have antiques, enjoy them — don't let them rule your life — and mix them with modern pieces.

Buying a Victorian house does not condemn you to living with sludgy colours and claustrophobic clutter. Similarly, a modern flat does not have to be painted white and furnished entirely from Ikea and Heals. Why should you not put his and hers Ikea valet stands, which look like dressmakers' dummies made of wrought iron, on either side of a Regency dressing table? In the great scheme of things, it is no more outrageous than a lady of the time putting her *new gilded and ebonised Em*pire chairs on either side of a 17th-century coffer.

Your home should reflect your personality: it should not be a bland repository of received "good taste". The knick-knacks you bought in junk shops and markets when you were younger and poorer can still look good in your sitting-room. The shapeless fired-clay lumps your children brought carefully home from kindergarten are souvenirs. (And, in any case, you could probaby pass them off as pre-Columbian pottery.)

> "I had thought Bauhaus was the German for kennel"

So, don't be brainwashed into bulk-buying from *this year's trendy* shops and fabric collections: today's tartan and antlers will be tomorrow's chocolate brown Dralon velvet. And don't be fooled into thinking that expensive and better are synonymous — BhS has lamps *for less than £60 that are as* elegant as their £250 cousins in designer shops.

I must confess to being the world's most impatient and fickle decorator. If I have an idea I want to see it realised now. If I am bored with something, I want it out of sight and replaced at once. (I once sponged the hall in the middle of the night, causing a nervous crisis in my flat-mate, who thought she had woken up in a strange house.) So, although I abhor the stage-set school of design, I love change, which is not as contradictory as it sounds.

The basics of my flat remain constant (*in one form* or another), but I adapt them and regularly change the fripperies. For example, I bought my sofa because I loved its classic lines as well as its upholstery. If I wanted a velvet sofa this minute, I *would buy velver from John* Lewis and drape it, pinning and stapling to preserve the line and piling on cushions to cover any gaps. When I wanted a new look, I would turn the velvet into curtains hemmed only at the bottom and held up with café curtain clips, of course, so it could be reused as a bedspread or table cover.

Changing a few minor things in this way can transform the look of a room. So my advice is always to start by spending most of your budget on things that will last, either because you promise to love them forever, or because they can be adapted. Buy the best and sturdiest sofa you can afford: it can be draped or re-covered. Also, the best dining furniture: rickety tables and Torquemada chairs are anti-social and if you get bored with your "suite", you can re-invent it with tablecloths, chair covers and even paint.

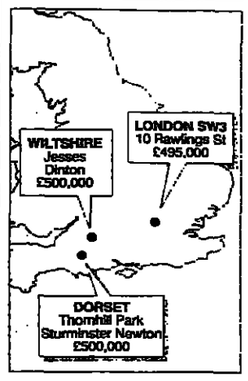
Don't spend a king's ransom *on curtains, unless you* intend them to be the primary feature of the room. If you choose relatively plain and cheap curtains and have a plywood pelmet, you can paint the pelmet, gild it, stick plaster mouldings on it, stencil it, or cover it with velvet.

A tatty old chest of drawers can provide years of fun for the enthusiastic amateur decorator — you can adapt it to your heart's content in a way you'd never dare with an expensive piece. Customising things makes them individual. On a larger scale, customising your house is the ideal way to increase its potential before calling in the estate agents. You can do so quickly and cheaply — with a stapler, glue and paint — and take your new decorations with you when you go.

Bargain-hunting and recycling liberate you from the cost trap in which fashion and changing taste can ensnare you. It is fun, as well. So sign up here for the "all fur coat and no knickers" school of decorating and escape from *the décor police's holding cells.* The doors are not even locked.

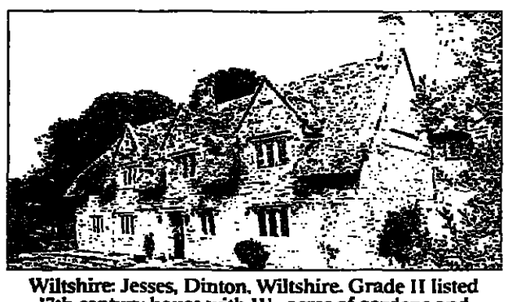
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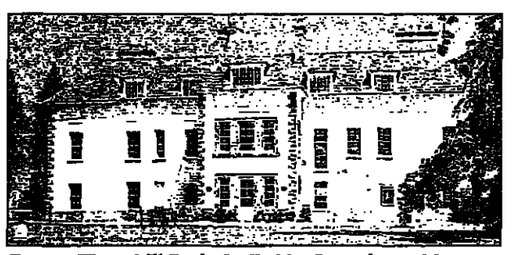




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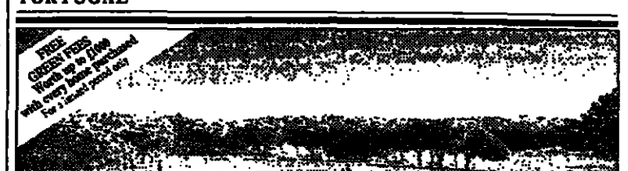
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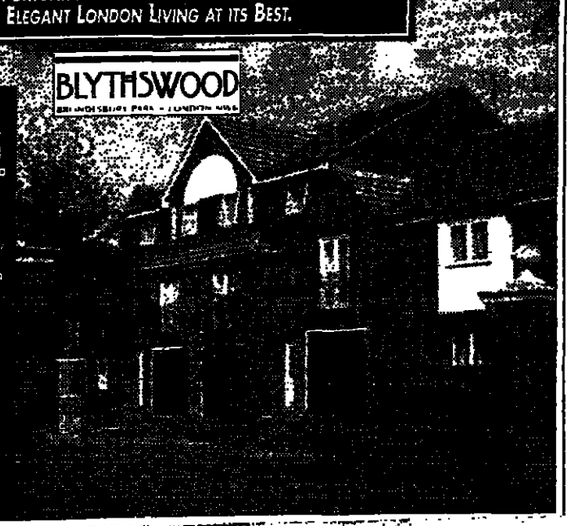
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Argyranthemums, and summer geraniums (above), provide colour that can be enjoyed year after year



PARIS daisies, or *Argyranthemums* as they are now called, are surely among the most rewarding and easily grown plants for summer colour, either in pots or bedded into the ground. They have a certain class that sets them apart from so many other temporary-colour plants.

But when you have a 4ft high bush of Argyranthemum 'Jamaica Primrose' at the end of the season, it breaks the heart to have to scrap it and start again next season. In our climate, we have to take cuttings and overwinter them under glass at about 7C-10C.

Now you might not want to take cuttings in September or October and have the greenhouse heaving with small pots of Argyranthemums next spring, just when the space is needed for seed sowing. There is always that moment when the days begin to warm up and everything under glass seems to need space and light at once.

But there is another way of getting a plentiful supply of Argyranthemums without taking many cuttings the previous autumn: by making one or two stock plants in autumn to produce cutting material in spring. You inevitably will throw away most of that promising cutting material on the plants in autumn, but it does not matter.

This is a generous plant — trust it, and have faith in your stock plants. Nursery gardeners do, and make a lot of money in the process, because most people do not propagate but buy afresh the next year.

So, take just a few cuttings in early September to make stock plants. They are simplicity itself to do. Snip off strong, unflowered five-inch shoots, strip the leaves from the lower half, and dip them in rooting hormone. Then put them around the edge of a clay pot in a 50/50 mixture of universal compost and sand. Water them in, put a polythene bag over the top and keep them warm, but shaded from sun. They will have rooted in two-three weeks.

Pot on only the best two or three cuttings into three-inch pots and pinch out the tips. Do not use a strong compost as you do not require much growth this autumn. After another couple of weeks you should be able to pot them on into six-inch pots, and there they will stay for the winter, under glass with plenty of light, at 7C-10C. The aim with stock plants of Argyranthemums (or geraniums or fuchsias) is to keep them just ticking over through the winter, no more.

When to take the cuttings from the stock plants depends on when you want to plant them out next year. Argyranthemums will flower profusely until the frosts come along, so there is surely no hurry. The important thing is not to take cuttings too soon.

Depending on where you live, mid-May to early June is a sensible frost-free time to put out tender plants. A strong plant of Argyranthemum can be reared from a cutting and hardened off in six weeks or less, which can mean taking cuttings as late as the beginning of May. Why clog up greenhouse space with batches of cuttings before you need them?



STOCK plants therefore should be held back until you want them to produce cutting material. There is no need to pot them on again. A month before you want the cuttings, look over the stock plants which will have made three or four shoots from the point where they were first pinched out. These will probably be three to four inches long and can themselves now be pinched out at the tip.

Keep the plants warm now (15-20C) and in as much light as possible, water more freely and give some liquid feed to encourage growth. There should soon be a crop of shoots ready to be taken for cuttings. Once cuttings have taken, you can throw away the stock plants. There might be a use for them in a sheltered place, but I certainly would not use them in conjunction with the cuttings. The reason is in the root system. The stock-plants' roots will have gone round and round in the pots all winter, and will be unlikely to produce a stable specimen when planted out. Also they will be much readier to begin flowering than the cuttings, and it would be a shame to have plants in one group out of sync with the others, and getting woodier and leggier ahead of the rest.

It is worth remembering that Argyranthemums, like fuchsias, are really tender shrubs, and a strong, questing root system is to be expected. If you can pot on cuttings as soon as the roots reach the sides of the pot, then when they go into the ground or planter, they will develop an unhindered root system which will support them as well as if they had grown from seed.

STEPHEN ANDERTON

To get the best from your plants, you need to know their roots

Think big, plant small

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Taprooters, such as Aesculus, dislike being moved

The stability of plants in a wind has much in common with the stability of boats. Some plants go for the flat-bottomed barge technique and rely on a shallow but heavy pan of roots to hold them upright. Rhododendrons and birch are classic cases. Others rely on a deep keel, a taproot, to balance the superstructure.

If the plant is to succeed, you need to know which kind you are dealing with, because the fibrous rooters may be an accommodating lot, but some of the taprooters never stand up well if the root system has not developed properly. The answer with taprooters is to put them in young.

If you plant a taprooter in its final position when it is a seedling, a few inches high, whether it is to be a herbaceous perennial or a 60-foot tree it will be stable from the start. The top will have grown in proportion with the root.

In some cases, taproots grow faster than the shoot above. Try digging up a six-inch oak tree which has grown in situ from an acorn, and you will find a straight taproot 18 inches long. Dig up a young walnut seedling the size and girth of a pencil, and you will find a root like a young parsnip, two feet long and fat as your thumb at the top. These are serious foundations. The tree plainly intends to grow a strong keel perfectly in line with the main mast above. Then it can take all the winds that nature brings.

Some plants make fibrous surface root as well as a tap, which is helpful as they stand transplanting much better. Horse chestnuts sink a business-like tap, which is inevitably severed when transplanting, but the surface root helps to re-establish them quickly. Oaks make next to no surface root, which is why they are so good to garden under. But it means they are a problem to nursery workers. In a nursery, taprooting trees have to be undercut regularly, to encourage subdivision and surface roots. But oaks hate it: to grow well they need to sink that taproot and settle down.

You *can* transplant an oak that is 5ft or even 8ft high if it has been regularly undercut, but it will take many years to re-establish in its new position; it may never make a taproot. Meanwhile, a seedling planted alongside will shoot up past it and ultimately be the better, more stable tree. So if you want a red oak, Quercus rubra, in your garden for its glorious autumn colour, or an evergreen oak, or a eucalyptus, buy a fresh young seedling for a few pence from a tree specialist. If you have your eye on the upright, cypress-like form of the common oak, Quercus robur 'Fastigiata', then you will need a grafted tree, and it will be harder but perfectly possible to get a specimen only a couple of feet high.

What you do not want is a tree in a pot six feet high, with roots (if you are lucky) going round and round in circles inside. If you are determined to buy a tall oak, you are more likely to find one bare-rooted from a nursery. The chances are it will have three or four very fat would-be taproots, each chopped through under a foot long. Plant it by all means and watch it struggle. Then when you cannot stand it any longer, cut it off at six inches high and watch it shoot away. Select the best shoot to be the new trunk. The seedling you planted at the same time already will be six feet high.

There are herbaceous plants, too, which need to be put in their final position as seedlings. Culinary fennel (Foeniculum vulgare) is a vigorous herb which will grow up to six feet, like a feathery aromatic cow parsley. It needs its taproot to anchor all that foliage, especially under the weight of rain. The best specimens are always the self-sown ones, whose taproot has never been disturbed. When you are buying, look for newly potted seedlings with no corkscrew roots in the pot.

The giant fennel, Ferula communis, is one of the great foliage plants. From a mound of feathery greenery four feet across, a flowering stem rises fast to ten feet high, and so long as it has its proper taproot needs no staking whatsoever.

Globe thistles (Echinops) and sea hollies (Eryngiums) do better planted small, too, as do plants with a succulent, much-divided taproot like the poke-weed, Phytolacca. Broom bushes (Cytisus scoparius) make a very firm taproot when grown from seed, and plants from cuttings of named colour forms should go into position as small as possible.

STEPHEN ANDERTON

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Metro (071-437 0757)

FREE WILLY (U): Tearaway kid finds his soulmate: a surly amusement park whale. Family film that aims low and hits. Simon Wincer directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER (15): Powerful, urgent film inspired by the Guildford Four stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite and Emma Thompson. Jim Sheridan directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

MRS DOUBTFIRE (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams.Sally Field co-stars; *Chris Columbus directs.*
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

SCHINDLER'S LIST (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE THREE MUSKETEERS (PG): Noisy, youthful and empty new version of Dumas's tale from Stephen Herek, with Kiefer Sutherland, Charlie Sheen, Chris O'Donnell and Tim Curry.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

WAYNE'S WORLD 2 (PG). The dude duo mount a rock concert. Silly but sweet comedy sequel.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THEATRE

LONDON

AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY: Felicity Kendal and Griff Rhys Jones star in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon.*
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

ALEXANDRA KOLLONTAI: Barbara Ewing's fascinating one-woman show about the forgotten comrade of the Bolshevik Revolution, Lenin's eloquent comrade.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Previews Tues and Wed, 8pm. Opens Thurs, 8pm. Until Mar 27.

CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF: New thriller by Ken Hill, who brought us *The Invisible Man.*
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats (in March) Thurs and Sat, 2pm. Until Mar 19.

EDDIE IZZARD: Another season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19.



Teddy Kempner in a scene from Wesker's *The Kitchen*

THE KITCHEN: Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker. The stalls will not be in use; there is seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and a kitchen on scaffolding in between, with 30 chefs rushing manically about.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm.

THE LIFE OF GALILEO: David Here's new version of the Brecht. Richard Griffiths plays the worldly-wise scientist.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until Mar 31.



Salvador Dali's *Portrait of Luis Buñuel*, 1924, from a show documenting the artist's early career (see Exhibitions)

THE OLD LADIES: Faith Brook, Doreen Mantle and Miriam Karlin in Rodney Ackland's tense thriller, set in a cathedral city and concerning a mysterious piece of amber.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Previews from Thurs, 7.45pm. Opens Tues, 7pm. Until Apr 2.

OMMA: Subtitled *Oedipus and the Luck of Thebes.* Tim Supple's production, recast during rehearsals, is planned to open on time. Kenneth McLeish's script draws on many Greek sources.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Previews from Tues, 7.30pm. Opens Mar 8, 7.30pm. Until Apr 2.

PADDYWACK: Daniel Magee's new play, set in a Kilburn bedsit where an enigmatic Irishman seduces two students with the sex-appeal of Semtex.
Cockpit, Gateforth St, NW8 (071-402 5081). Preview Tues, 8pm. Opens Wed, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, until Mar 26.

PEER GYNT: Nine performances only of Ninagawa's internationally-cast production of Ibsen. Sure to be visually astonishing.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Thurs to Mar 5 and Mar 7-12, 7pm.

THE SKRIKER: Caryl Churchill's *latest: an ancient shape-shifter* (Kathryn Hunter) bursts out of the Underworld and pursues two young girls. Strange, strong stuff.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Mon, 7.30pm. Then in repertoire.

SWEENEY TODD: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of *Sondheim's subtle, savage* musical. Starring Denis Quilley and Julia McKenzie.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tues, 7.30pm; mat today, 2pm. Then in repertoire.

SWEET CHARITY: Transfer, after sell-out run at the Man in the Moon, for Phil Willmott's production. Charlotte Bicknell stars, with Mari Wilson.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Then Tues-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 6pm. Until Mar 20.

THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL: Complicité's profoundly moving staging of John Berger's tale of an Alpine woman loving and enduring all.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Previews, 8pm. Opens Mon, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats some Sats, 3.30pm. Until April 9.

WILDEST DREAMS: Ayckbourn's mixed hilarious despair with grim laughter as fantasy-game addicts come to grief.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm; then in repertoire.

REGIONAL

GLASGOW: Spring season continues at the Stalls Studio with *Oedipus Rex*, newly translated and directed by Clare Venables, with Cal Macaninch as the troubled hero. At the Circle Studio, Matthew Lloyd's production of *La Ronde* with a young cast of four trebling the roles.
Citizens, Gorbals (041-429 0022). Stalls Studio: free preview *Tues, 7.30pm.* Opens Wed, 7.30pm. Then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, until Mar 26. Circle Studio: free preview Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30pm. Then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Mar 26.

MANCHESTER: Anna Carteret and Jane Freeman in the world premiere of a new Pam Gems play, *Deborah's Daughter*: three generations of European women in an oil-rich African state.
Library, St Peters Square (061-236 7110). Preview Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens Fri, 8pm. Until Mar 26.

MANCHESTER: Revival of Otway's *Venice Preserved*, the only Restoration tragedy to have stood the test of time. Gregory Hersov directs a strong cast.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9833). Previews Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30pm. until Apr 2.

MOLD: The cast of *Abigail's Party* are joined by Robert Duncan who plays Torvald in Helena Kaut-Howson's production of *A Doll's House*. Both plays will tour together from the end of March.
Theatr Clwyd (0352-755114). *A Doll's House* previews from Fri, 7.45pm. Opens Mar 8, 7.45pm.

NEWCASTLE: RSC season continues at the Theatre Royal with Alec McCowen in *The Tempest*, directed by Sam Mendes; and at the Playhouse, Max Stafford-Clark's dark and joyful production of *The Country Wife.*
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091-232 2061). Tues to Mar 8, 7.15pm; mats, Thurs, Mar 5 and 8, 2pm.
Playhouse (091-232 2061). Mon to Mar 8, 7.15pm Mats, Thurs, Mar 5 and 8, 2pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

NASH ENSEMBLE: *The Nash* Ensemble, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, demonstrates a continuing commitment to new music with a series of concerts in which eight world premieres — seven of them new commissions — are interspersed with modern classics by Berg, Messiaen, Schoenberg and Shostakovich. Tonight's concert gets the series underway with a programme combining commissions from Oliver Knussen and Simon Holt with Messiaen's great *Quartet for the End of Time.* On Tuesday, when the Nash are joined by soprano Rosa Mannion, mezzo Jean Rigby and harpsichordist Maggie Cole, two premieres — of a new work by John Casken and a new version by Merion Bowen of Roberto Gerhard's *Songs from Scheherazade* — are flanked by works by Michael Berkeley and Manuel de Falla. Lionel Friend conducts throughout the festival, which continues to March 8.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, Tues, 8pm.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Simon Rattle and the CBSO have *reached the 1930s on their journey* through the music of the 20th century. This week's concert, given in Birmingham, Cardiff and London, links the musical worlds of Europe and America, the former represented by Hindemith's *Mathis der Maler* symphony and Bartók's Second Piano Concerto, the latter by Copland's *Billy the Kid* suite and the Third Symphony by the prolific and eclectic Roy Harris, *who died in 1979.*
St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236) Wed, 7.30pm. **Symphony Hall**, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333). Thurs, 7.30pm. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Fri, 7.30pm.

OPERA

KATYA KABANOVA: Janaček's powerful tragedy gets its first staging *at the Royal Opera House,* directed by Trevor Nunn, designed by Maria Bjornson and conducted by music director Bernard Haitink. Elena Prokina makes her house debut in the title role; Eva Randova sings her monstrous mother-in-law.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Fri, 7.30pm.

ARIODANTE: Della Jones steps into the title role for this Cardiff run of David Alden's moving and stylish staging of Handel's opera, acclaimed on its earlier English-language outing at ENO in London and now performed in Italian by Welsh National Opera. Accomplished Handelian Marc Minkowski takes over in the pit.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), tonight, 6.30pm.

ROCK

MANIC STREET PREACHERS: The strident rockers team up with Suede's Bernard Butler for a one-off charity gig in aid of Imperial Cancer Research Fund and in memory of their manager and mentor *Philip Hall.* Also appearing are the Pogues and the singer/organist John Shuttleworth.
Grand, London SW1 (071-738 9000), Wed, 7pm.

TRANS-GLOBAL UNDERGROUND: This lively band offers a giddy mix of tribal drumming, ululating eastern chants, indie rock and techno samples. *Banco de Gaia supports.*
Norwich, University of East Anglia (0603 505401), Wed, 8.30pm. **Cambridge**, Junction (0223 412600), Thurs, 7pm. **Nottingham**, Marcus Garvey Centre (0602 420297), Fri, 10pm-4am.

LOU RAWLS: The soul singer with the rich, powerful voice has gone back to his gospel, blues and r'n'b roots on his latest album, *Portrait of the Blues.*
London, Festival Hall (071-928 8800), Wed, 7.30pm. **Birmingham**, Town Hall (021-236 2392), Fri, 8pm.

THERAPY?: The Belfast band have just released an uncompromising album of metal-tinged rock, *Troublegum.* Supporting them on this tour are up-and-coming British rappers, Credit to the Nation.
Manchester, Academy (061-275 2930), tonight, 7.30pm. **Leeds**, Town & Country Club (0532 442999), tomorrow, 7pm. **Nottingham**, Rock City (0602 412544), Tues, 7.30pm. **Wolverhampton**, Civic Centre (0902 312030), Wed, 7pm. **Portsmouth**, Pyramids Centre (0705 877895), Thurs, 7.30pm. **London**, Brixton Academy (071-326 1022), Fri, 7pm.

BJORK: The Brixton Academy's dance floor has been specially levelled for this performance



Brit award-winner, Björk, plays at Brixton Academy

from the elfin singer who won two awards at this year's Brits.
Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071 924 9999), today, 9pm-3am.

JAZZ

BHEKI MSELEKU: An unmissable gig featuring the lyrical South African pianist and saxophonist plus musicians including the excellent tenor player, Joe Henderson.
Festival Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

JOHNNY GRIFFIN QUARTET: The hard-bop saxophonist from Chicago is joined by the acclaimed British pianist Jason Rebello.
Dingwalls Jazz Factory, London NW1 (071-267 1999), Mon, Tues and Wed, 8pm.

DANCE

TWYLA THARP: It has been 11 years since America's most entertaining — and inventive — choreographer brought her work to London. Now a two-week season at Riverside Studios will present a wide range of Twyla Tharp's work, from the sensuous Latino romp of *Sextet* to the glamorous love duets of *Nine Sinatra Songs.* Whatever their musical influences her ballets are always chock-a-block with dazzling physicality and witty intelligence. Not to be missed.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354). Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm.

COPPELIA: English National Ballet takes its fine production (by Ronald Hynd) on the road for its spring tour. The charming music by Leo Delibes and the delicious designs by Desmond Heeley add up to an enchanting evening.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), Mon to next Sat, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2pm.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: After two final performances of Ashton's bucolic comedy *La Fille mal gardee* at the Birmingham Hippodrome (021-622 7486) today, the company heads for a season at the Empire in Liverpool where they present David Bintley's new production of *Sylvia.* The story of cavorting nymphs and interfering gods is set to a score by Delibes.
Empire Theatre, Lime Street, Liverpool (051-709 1555), Tues-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

GAINSBOROUGH AND REYNOLDS: As the leading artists of their time, Gainsborough and Reynolds naturally had a lot to do with the late 18th-century court. Both were commissioned by royalty to paint portraits. George III disliked Reynolds but approved of Gainsborough; George IV enthusiastically collected both, so *that important examples of their* mythological painting also entered the Royal Collection. And both were much involved in the Royal Academy, founded in 1768 under George III and always closely patronised by royalty. All these aspects are vividly present in this new show selected from the Queen's pictures.
The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, SW1 (071-799 2331). Tues-Sat, 10.30am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, opens Fri to Dec 22.

SALVADOR DALI/UNBOUND: Dali is remembered almost exclusively as the fully-fledged Surrealist who emerged with his first Paris show in 1929, but before that he had tried many styles, from meticulous realism to minimal abstraction. This show documents his early career, and his friendship with such as Lorca and Buñuel. Also, the much debated question of whether painting as such is dead comes back into play in "Unbound", which makes an enthusiastic case for the continuing relevance of painting worldwide, even in an era when conceptual art seems to have swept the board.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3144). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues and Wed to 8pm), opens Thurs to May 30.

ANNIE LEIBOVITZ: Widely recognised as one of the most powerful and individual American magazine photographers today. Leibovitz achieves a new level of acceptance for the genre and herself with this major touring show, organised by the International Center of Photography in New York and already seen in Paris, Madrid, Vienna, Milan, Amsterdam and elsewhere. It now comes to the NPG, appropriately since portraiture, often unsparing, is Leibovitz's forte.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun 12-6pm, opens Fri to May 30.

PEPE ESPALIU: Shown in the context of the Spanish Arts Festival, this exhibition celebrates the art of Espaliu, one of the leading Spanish sculptors of the younger generation, who died of Aids just before Christmas. His work is in a sense conceptual, but the delicacy and fantasy of his characteristic cage-shapes recall his Surrealist *forebears.*
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, SW1 (071-930 3647). Daily, midday-7.30pm (Tues to 9pm), opens Fri to Apr 17.

PICASSO: SCULPTOR AND PAINTER: This show seeks a new perspective on Picasso by insisting on the central importance of the sculptures he made throughout most of his career. The painted sculptures are particularly emphasised and sculptures are shown along with paintings on similar themes.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-887 8000). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until May 8.

HIMALAYAN AND JAPANESE ART: Some collectors are show-offs, some so retiring as to be almost secretive. The late Hannes Schmitt and Manta Meade were of the latter kind. Their obsession with art from the Himalayas was known to a few dealers and a handful of other experts in the same relatively obscure field. But now, gifted to the British Museum, their collection is exposed to the world in all its splendour.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-5pm, *until Apr 17.*

ALL HUMAN LIFE. The Hulton Deutsch Collection of photographs originated in the *Picture Post* magazine archive, but over the years it has absorbed many other picture-sources. This exhibition, of about 500 images, includes many of the best news and documentary photographs of the last half-century.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm, until Apr 24.

CLAUDE — THE POETIC LANDSCAPE: Universally admired though Claude Lorrain's landscapes have been, few of them are "pure" landscapes, as in the landscapes-with-figures the figures nearly always point a moral or adorn a tale. This new exhibition, of 28 paintings and more than 50 drawings, examines the importance of the classical and biblical stories behind these paintings. Most of the works are borrowed from private collections in Britain.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Apr 10.

FABERGE — IMPERIAL JEWELLER: Though many of the luxurious objects created by Fabergé for the last tsars have found their way westward, a surprising number remain in the Hermitage in St Petersburg. This comprehensive show covers the whole career of the jeweller from the 1870s up to the Revolution in 1917.
Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon, midday-5.50pm, Tues-Sun, 10am-5.50pm, until Apr 10.

THE UNKNOWN MODIGLIANI: Between 1906 and 1914, Modigliani's doctor and close friend Paul Alexandre saved every last fragment of preparatory drawing for his important paintings *and sculptures of the time. Some* of the drawings are famous, but most of the collection has never been publicly exhibited before. The show offers a unique insight into the creative processes of one of the century's most significant artists.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438), daily, 10am-6pm, until Apr 4.

HOLBEIN AND THE COURT OF HENRY VIII: As this small but spectacular show demonstrates, Holbein was one of the finest draughtsmen ever and had extraordinary penetration of human character. The people, well or little known, who gathered around Henry VIII and sat for Holbein during his time at court spring instantly to vivid, idiosyncratic life in these drawings and miniatures from the Royal Library, Windsor.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun, midday-6pm, until Apr 17.

REGIONAL

DRAWING ON THESE SHORES. On one level this show gives us a chance to see ourselves as others see us, since its deviser, Glenn Sujo, is a South American painter long resident in Britain. *But Sujo's eye for* inventive draughtsmanship is unerring, his taste splendidly catholic, and 20th-century British art has seldom looked better or more universal in its applications.
Wolsey Art Gallery, Christchurch Mansions, Christchurch Park, Ipswich (0473 253246). Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-4.30pm, until Mar 20.

THE EDGE OF THE LAND. The first important commemoration of the life and work of Richard Eurich, this touring show gives a vivid impression of his range and versatility.
Southampton City Art Gallery, NorthGuild, Civic Centre, Southampton (0703 632 601). Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm (Thurs to 8pm). Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Mar 13.

FROM LEONARDO TO MANET: Since the last survey exhibition of acquisitions ten years ago, the National Gallery of Scotland has acquired more than 300 prints and drawings. Fifty outstanding examples are on show, including also the brand-new purchase of an important drawing by Ingres, *The Dream of Ossian.*
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mount, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Apr 17

ALAIN KIRILI: A French sculptor who lives in America. Kirili has never before shown in *Britain. His work is abstract but full of* energy, using forged iron, wood and terracotta, fully justifying his own comparisons with the free jazz. The show will also be seen in London and Edinburgh.
Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, Norwich (0603 56060). Tues-Sun, midday-5pm, until May 15.

BOOKING

DEAD FUNNY: Terry Johnson's brilliant new play is on its way to the West End. The complex web of connections between sexually arrested comics and their ditto admirers stars Zoë Wanamaker.
London, Vaudeville (071-836 9987). From April 6

COPACABANA: Barry Manilow's frothy musical gets its world premiere in Plymouth next month; should have the pop idol's fans dancing in the aisles.
Plymouth, Theatre Royal (0752 267222), Mar 19-Apr 2; **Manchester**, Palace (061-236 9922), Apr 6-May 14; **Edinburgh**, Playhouse (031-557 2950), May 18-June 11; **London**, Prince of Wales (071-839 5972), from June 23

NEW VIDEOS

BAMBI (Disney, U): Disney's animation classic about a young deer's forest life: still magical, funny and moving. 1942.



Helen Shaver reaches out in the film *Desert Hearts*

DESERT HEARTS (Video Rights, 18): Donna Deitch's *beautifully controlled feminist* film about reaching out and taking chances, set in Reno in the late 1950s, with Helen Shaver and Patricia Charbonneau. 1985.

LA GRANDE ILLUSION (Arthouse, U): Renoir's great prison camp drama: an effortless blend of tragi-comic moods, escape attempts and philosophical thoughts. Pierre Fresnay and Jean Gabin head the motley prisoners bound together by love of France. 1937

EL MARIACHI (20:20 Vision, 15). A musician gets confused with a hitman in a Mexican border town. Enjoyable no-budget action romp, directed with great verve by a promising new talent, Robert Rodriguez. 1993.

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston. **Classical Music and Opera:** Gwen Hughes; **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne. **Dance:** Debra Craine. **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor. **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Booking:** Kris Anderson

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *18*

LACCOLITE

(a) A mass of igneous rock thrust up through the sedimentary beds, and giving a dome-like form to the overlying strata, from the Greek *lakkos* a reservoir + *-ites*: "It is not likely that the Henry Mountains are the only ones constructed on the laccolitic type."

MINTWHILE

(b) The duration of a minute, apparently erroneously for *minutewhile*, ultimately from the Latin *minuta*, noun from participial *minutus*: "So creeps in this petty pace from day to day, minutwhile, mintwhile, to the last dreadful sesquepedalianism of recorded time."

CASTELRY

(c) The government or jurisdiction of a castle, the territory subject to it, from OF *chastelrie*, medieval Latin *castellaria* the territory belonging to a castle, ultimately from *castellum* the diminutive of the Latin *castrum* a fort or camp.

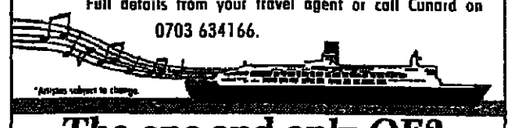
CROCKET

(c) One of the small ornaments placed on the inclined sides of pinnacles, pediments, canopies, etc. in Gothic architecture, usually in the form of buds or curled leaves, sometimes of animals, from the Anglo-French *croket, croquet*, northern French form of French *crochet*, the diminutive of *croche* a hook.

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Altman makes a long short cut

Hollywood's favourite subversive talks about his new film to **David Robinson**



Robert Altman, whose new film *Short Cuts* describes social disintegration: "I'm not pessimistic. It's just that things don't look too good to me."

As a 69-year-old great-grandfather, Robert Altman begins to look more the patriarch than the roisterer of earlier years. His physique is still majestic, but the shoulders are thinner and the complexion paler. The white goatee beard now gives him the look of Uncle Sam rather than Buffalo Bill.

He stopped drinking several years ago because of the danger to his enlarged heart, but has not abandoned his other *bon vivant* pleasures. "I still smoke grass when I can," he recently confided to *Rolling Stone*. "That's medically advisable. And I sometimes turn around, spin around the room, to make myself dizzy. Try to change my temperature... I think I have an excessive personality. I don't know if I'm addictive. I'm excessive."

Altman takes his reputation as Hollywood's most incorrigible subversive lightly: "I suppose what I like to subvert is fixed ideas, platitudes, certainties, commandments, attitudes. It's not that I sat around 30 years ago and decided 'This is what I'm going to do'. I just enjoy debunking. I'm debunking myself as much as I am everybody else."

He becomes distinctly more oracular, though, when he gets on to the themes of his latest film, *Short Cuts*. "Success and money dominate our society. Moral principles have disappeared. Corruption is rife. The marginated are growing in numbers and the gap between the social classes is growing ever wider. I use metaphors to describe this general crisis: in *The Player* I used the metaphor of Hollywood producers; in *Short Cuts*, the med-flies, miathlon and earthquake of Los Angeles are all metaphors.

"This is how people's lives are. They don't seem to know that there is anything wrong. They just keep going with their lives. The bad people don't think they are bad. They just accept their lives. Most people live this way — most people in the world. You think that's pessimistic? I'm not pessimistic. It's just that things don't look too good to me."

After watching *Short Cuts* at last year's Venice Film Festival, Gore Vidal exclaimed: "So the great American novel turned out to be a film." Altman's masterpiece, though, is less a novel or even a film than an apocalyptic landscape in the manner of a modern Brueghel — every corner filled with individual narratives which overlap and impinge upon one another.

The film is based on a group of short stories and one poem by Raymond Carver (1938-1988), a writer whom Altman discovered on his own 65th birthday in 1990.

"I was to have done a film in Rome about Rossini, but it aborted. I was really upset about it, and got straight on a plane for California. I like short stories and my secretary gave me a pack of them to read on the 12-hour journey. Among them were three books by Carver, whom I'd never encountered before.

"The stories are minimalist, very short — some only three pages. I would read one or two of them and eat, and then read one or two more and fall asleep. By the time I landed in Los Angeles I had read all of these stories, and somehow homogenised them. I remember walking into the airport and saying 'This is really a movie'. I called the writer Frank Barhydt, and within a week we had got rights and were writing. Having read them in this way I made Carver soup out of them.

"Juxtaposing the stories like this, one feeds the other. Each seems to enforce the others and make them seem more relevant. We cut up the stories a lot, using pieces of them and combining them. I see it more as a collaboration with Carver than a pure adaptation.

"I like this kind of fragmented structure. We colour-coded each story and then pinned the scenes up in order across the office wall. I would step back and see blue, red, yellow, green, blue, blue blue — too much of the same colour, so let's take some away and put it somewhere else. We made colour patterns just to see what the rhythms were. In *Short Cuts* we are not really telling any story; we're showing. It's like lifting the roofs off people's houses and peering in. Voyeurism."

Altman has shifted the locale from Carver's Pacific North-West to the dusty urban wilderness of Los Angeles. "The first reason was economic. I didn't have the budget to take all those people to Seattle or Portland. But then it seemed to me that these cities weren't big enough; that when the people's paths crossed it wasn't fortuitous enough. And these were all misplaced people anyway — none of them really rooted in societies. They are losers, they are victims. Los Angeles seemed the natural place for them to be beached."

The cast is huge, so it is fortunate that Altman likes actors and that actors like him. Casting and mutual sympathy are important to the Altman process: "When I've cast them, my creative work is largely done. I've made most of my decisions and I'm turning it over to them. After that I don't have much to do except maybe select and photograph it."

This is exaggeration, no doubt, but Altman enjoys being surprised by his actors. "I want to see something I've never seen before, that I've never thought of. If everything turns out the way it was in my mind when I started, the pictures would be pretty dull. I think the brevity of the stories helped the actors here. There were not the usual demands. The good characters didn't have to be good and the bad didn't have to be bad.

"We had to work fast, which I prefer. I only had each actor for a limited period — Jack Lemmon had two days' work, for instance. Every story was shot separately. I would have to shoot one group and feather in the next group, so I could not change my mind afterwards. The film is the script.

"It turned out very long — three hours. It just grew. I really wanted it to be less; and I cut it down and cut it down, but finally I saw that it was just hurting. If you have a child who is seven feet tall you don't cut his head off or his feet off. You buy him a new bed and hope he can play basketball."

Now he wants to do more Raymond Carver: "Before I began shooting *Short Cuts* I had to drop four other stories, along with four or five actors I had all set for the film. But now we have rights to all the Carver material, which is enough to do two more films — *More Short Cuts*, and then another."

Altman is evidently happy that economic necessity keeps him working (he has often said that there has never been a time in his life when he was not in debt). Since *Short Cuts* he has produced Alan Rudolph's *Mrs Parker*, about Dorothy Parker and the Algonquin Round Table. He is scripting a gangster film set in 1930s Kansas, and has optioned Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*.

His immediate project, though, is *Prêt à Porter*, a kind of *Nashville* of the fashion trade. The cast will include Lauren Bacall and Tracey Ullman. Altman says: "I shall do it in a pseudo-documentary style, with real figures from the fashion world playing their own roles. It doesn't have the Carver depths to it, though."

● *Short Cuts opens on Friday*

DANCE: A Nijinsky resurrected

A merry prank fails to amuse

Till Eulenspiegel
Opera Garnier, Paris

For nearly 80 years Vaslav Nijinsky's ballet *Till Eulenspiegel* has been nothing but a set of fascinating illustrations in the history books. Photographs show the dancer in strikingly contrasted disguises and memorably comic poses: reproductions of the settings and costumes by Robert Edmond Jones, the American artist, indicate a wildly imaginative fantasy, with toppling medieval towers and incredibly elongated head-dresses.

The myth was that the work, premiered during a New York season by the Diaghilev Ballets Russes in 1916, had been a flop, and it was never shown in Europe. But the evidence is that American audiences enjoyed it. So rancour may account for the ballet's quick disappearance. Diaghilev had sacked his former protégé, for having the effrontery to marry, and it was only because the American impresario insisted that Nijinsky was allowed to rejoin the company.

Now the Paris Opera Ballet has put on a "reconstruction" of *Till* by the balletic archaeologists Millicent Hodson and Kenneth Archer. Eleven years of research went into it, and Archer has successfully brought Jones's designs back to the stage. Nijinsky had the idea of making a ballet to Richard Strauss's concert piece while a prisoner of war in Hungary. So he had time to think it through and did not take up the composer's offer of making changes. Musically, Paris does the programme proud — with the combination of Strauss and Stravinsky persuading music director Myung-Whun Chung to conduct his first ever ballet programme.

The action follows more or less what Strauss had in mind for *Till*'s "merry pranks". In quickly-changed disguises he seeks alms as a priest, flirts with a grand lady and argues law with the judges. With the urchins he celebrates his triumphs but when he is dead, the crowd mourns him, unaware that his spirit has returned to haunt them, capricious as ever.

All this within less than 20 minutes demands a break-neck pace, and I for one was left wondering whether Nijinsky managed to make the actions clearer and more focused than Hodson has done. There are some fascinating touches, especially the amusing way *Till* carries over into some of his steps the non-balletic turned-in feet, with which Nijinsky characterised him. But all the considerable liveliness of the up-and-coming José Martinez could not really show what enabled Nijinsky to score such a success in the role.

It seems to me that the three treatments of this score by more recent choreographers (Jean Babilée, George Balanchine and Heinz Spoerli) were all clearer and funnier. In fact, if Nijinsky's choreography was no better than Hodson's reconstruction, it deserved to be forgotten. My guess, however, is that what he did must have been far more unusual, inspired and theatrical. Either way, to put on the work in this form hardly does his memory much service.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Primitive pleasure

JAZZ RECORDS

The best of Charles Mingus's many bands raged like a manic winter gale, leaving dazed listeners in their wake. By turns angry, mournful and sentimental, his music transcended conventional categories, reaching back to supposedly primitive styles of ensemble playing while never sounding less than contemporary.

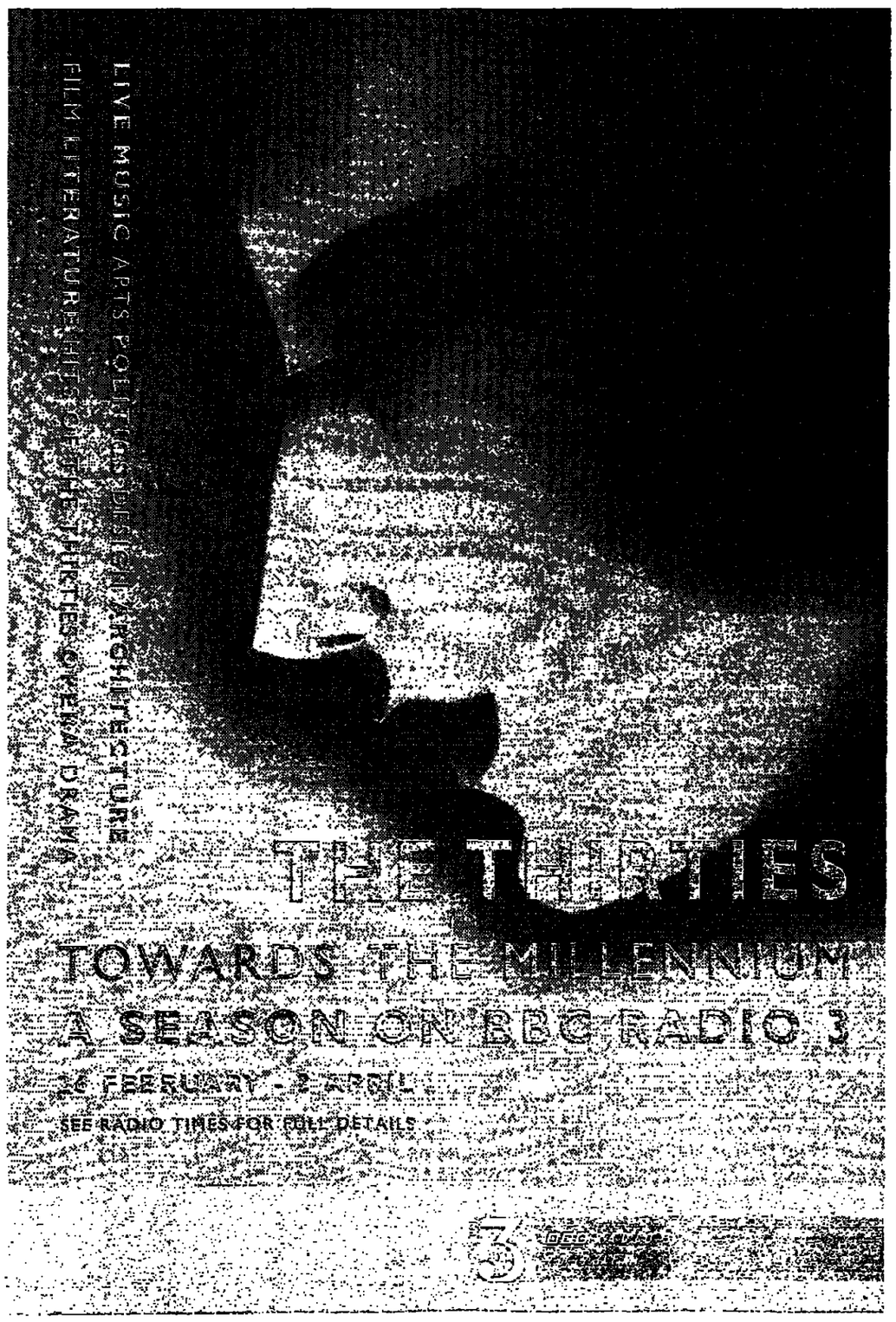
There are those who feel that the true essence of Mingus live could never be captured in the studio. All the familiar elements are in place on the four extended tracks which make up *Jazz Portraits — Mingus in Wonderland* (Blue Note CDP-827325), a New York session from 1959.

These loosely-structured pieces do not quite qualify as essential listening, but they are worth investigating if only for the rumbustious double act of tenor player Booker Ervin and altoist John Handy. If the frenetic blues themes on the first number, "Nostalgia in Times Square", seem familiar, it is because the piece was composed for the score of John Cassavetes's film, *Shadows*.

"I Can't Get Started" is the one standard on the album, but in Mingus's hands the well-worn melody takes on a darker, more anguished tone.

On *Timelessness* (Verve 521306), the South African expatriate pianist **Bheki Mseleku** has lined up a blue-riband list of guest performers, with Joe Henderson, Elvin Jones and Abbey Lincoln at the head of the queue. Tasteful and well-crafted, but not as earth-shattering as some would have us believe.

CLIVE DAVIS





THE SUNDAY TIMES

The love that rocked the dreaming spires

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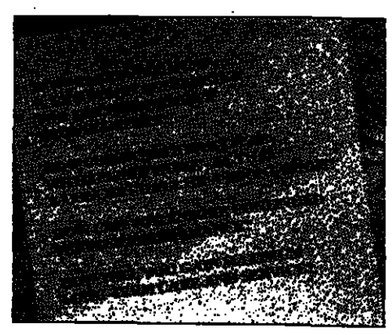
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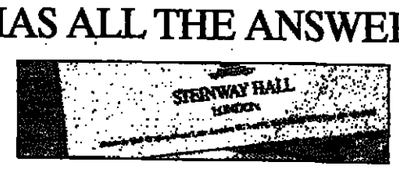
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Sheep, like MPs, need the smack of firm government

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY



I was sorry not to get to the *House of Commons* last Wednesday night, although I was invited. I have a little problem here on the farm and what goes on in Parliament may well help me end the mother of all struggles I am having with the sheep.

It was certainly an impressive body of environmentalists and farmers who got together at Westminster to discuss "Organic Farming and the Environment", and we can only hope that much of what they had to say, about how the two are inextricably linked to the greater benefit of birds, bees, planet and taxpayer, got through to those who sit on green benches and steadfastly fail to make any convincing green noises.

We have had our hopes raised that Gillian Shephard, the Minister of Agriculture, would look more kindly on the small but committed members of her organic flock; yet only last week a £4.5 million programme seeking to establish sustainable farming systems was axed. Just when organic farming thinks it has possession of the ball, the other side always seems to score a goal. And yet we know we are the better side.

The trouble is that organic farming subsists on dedication and no money, and has yet to find a voice and a way of getting its increasingly urgent message heard. Say "planet" and you think Porritt; says "bugs" and Bellamy comes to mind: mention organic and everyone, well, nods. Still if the intention of last Wednesday was to learn about dynamic, uniting and inspirational leadership, they were in the wrong place.

But I was sorry to miss it because the problem I have with my sheep is also one which the Government, on occasions, is forced to face up to. I was hoping to sidle away from the organic meeting and try to pick up some tips in the whips' office. We have parallel problems. There are stroppy sheep in any flock, as there are MPs in any party; and while they are all cavorting round the meadow, or tea-room, they can bleat and headbutt to their hearts' content. But when the time comes for them to pass through the voting lobby, it is then that you find out which of you is really in charge.

My voting lobby consists of a pair of hurdles, a foot or so apart, between which I place a shallow



zinc bath. Into this I pour a chemical solution (organically approved, of course) designed to keep foot-rot at bay. The sheep are supposed to enter it limp creatures and emerge upstanding. I understand that passing through the MPs' lobby can make the limp even limper, but this is one of the few problems for which organic farming does not have a solution.

But the trick which I have not worked out is how to get the sheep through in an orderly manner. I have never had such a struggle. The ewes will lie down, lock their leg joints, bleat, even jump, anything other than go through. I know the bath stings if the poor ewe has a cut on her foot, and I tell them over and over again that if it is not hurting, it is not working, but they are not persuaded.

So we do a great deal of manhauling, which is satisfactory for neither us nor the sheep. The funny thing is that once they have realised that there is no getting out of it and they are going to have to go through, all struggling, huffing and puffing ceases and and they stand in the bath as happy as if they were paddling on Blackpool beach, and never intended to put up a fight in the first place. A bit like a Tory rebellion.

What I want to know is how to avoid the violence. Is the Chief Whip doing anything next week? The sheep have to go through the lobby, sorry bath, again. In return for any help, I can give *them* a good tip or two. There is an electrical device which is not to my taste but is widely used, which delivers a short, sharp shock when applied to the base of an animal's buttock. I do not see why it should not work through a pin-striped suit. I will happily provide the address of the supplier.

But perhaps my problem is beyond even the famously persuasive powers of the whips. It is noticeable that is the older ewes who are the most difficult to coerce, because they know what is coming.

It may well be that sheep are sufficiently intelligent to back off from going up painful blind alleys just because their masters tell them to. MPs have yet to work this one out.

Feather report



Jacques

Long-tailed tits in flight resemble flying teaspoons

Close sibling loyalty

NOW is the time to have a close look at a long-tailed tit. The pairs are just beginning to leave the winter flocks, and start surveying bushes and hedges for possible nesting places. They are very tame when they do this. You hear their distinctive mutterings from inside a low cypress, peer through the branches, and there you see one a foot or two away.

Normally one thinks of them as little black and white birds — but now you can see that their lower back, their stomach, their flanks and part of their wings are suffused with pink.

The sexes are alike — except that later in the spring you can sometimes distinguish a female by her bent tail. This is the result of her sitting with it folded up for long hours in the domed nest.

The pair still go back at night to roost in the flock, and will continue to do so until they have finished the dome on their nest, when they will move there for the night. On cold nights they roost huddled together on a twig. First, two birds settle, pressed together; then another squeezes between them, and so on until they are as tightly packed as they can be.

The winter flocks are usually families that stayed together after the summer, and the young birds in them have a curious way of finding mates. When there is some quarrel over territorial boundaries with another winter flock, the females slip over to the enemy side, and find a young male there. Then they stay in their adoptive flock until nesting-time comes.

Long-tailed tits are among the earliest nesters, and some will be starting next week. They make a small platform of moss in a cypress or gorse or thick hawthorn bush, binding it down with spiders' webs. Then they build up the walls and the dome in the same way. Finally they line it with feathers, quite often as many as 1,500. It is a long, hard job — and after all that, when they lay their eggs in these conspicuous early nests, a jay often gets them. So they start all over again.

Even now they retain some family feeling. It has been noticed in recent years that there are sometimes more than two adults feeding the nine or ten young birds in the nest.

What appears to happen is that brothers of the breeding male who have not found a mate help with his family.

Even more remarkably, sisters who have lost their later-season nests come back to their brother, and help him too. All of them will stay together in next winter's flock.

At any time of year, to my mind, they are an absolutely delightful sight.

When you see them flitting between two trees, like flying teaspoons, they look quite unbalanced. But when they are feeding in the treetops, swinging and swaying on the twigs, you realise that their long tail is working away for them, just like a tightrope walker's pole.

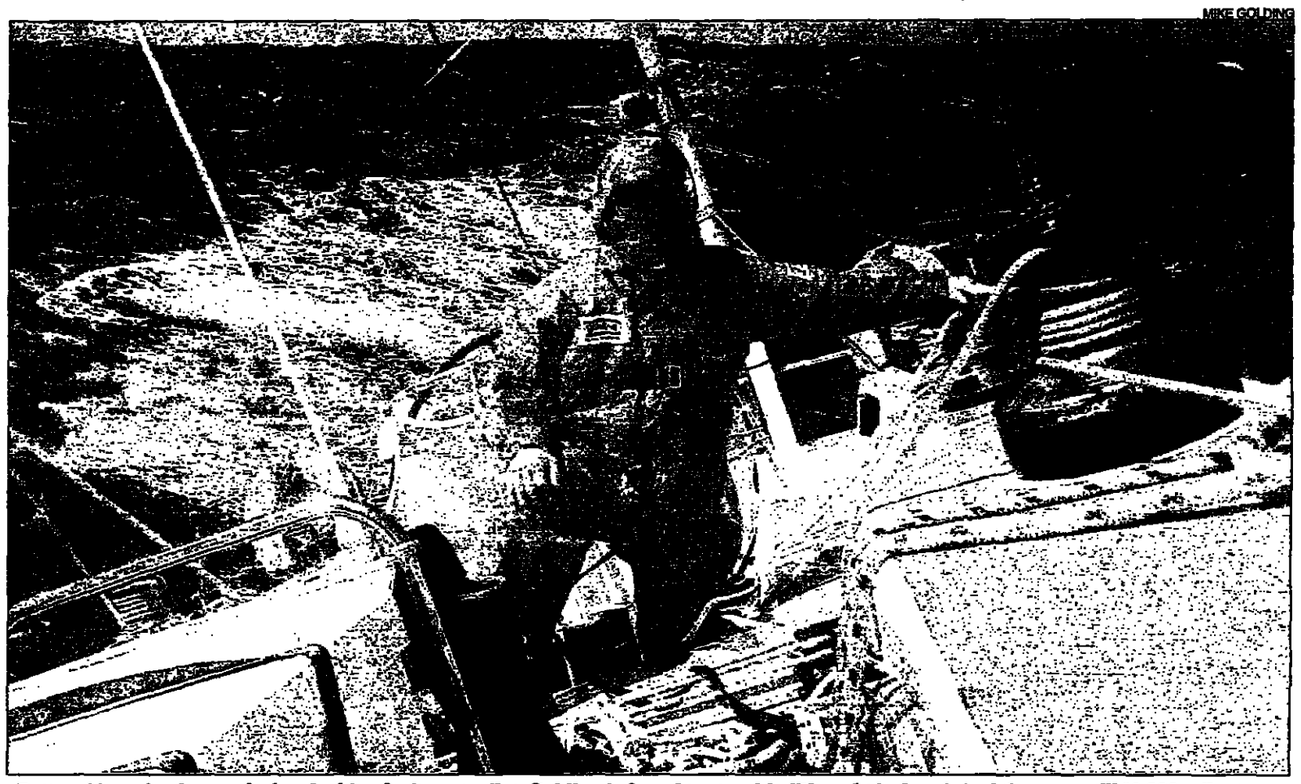
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The elements show no mercy

Problems are mounting for **Mike Golding's** *ocean challenge*

MIKE GOLDING



Battered by gales, low on fuel and with a faulty autopilot, Golding is forced to steer his 67ft yacht by hand. And there are still 10,000 miles to go

Right now I feel more like a moonshot pioneer than a round-the-world sailor. After 96 days at sea in this solo quest to break Chay Blyth's 23-year-old record for a non-stop east-west circumnavigation, my destiny appears to be in the hands of others as my life support systems begin to crash around me.

Things began to go wrong two weeks ago while I was crossing the Tasman Sea. First, both autopilots went on the blink, forcing me to steer by hand for three days. Just when that seemed to be sorted, an acrid smell filled the boat signalling the death of my generator. A few hours later, the autopilots failed again, leaving me halfway round the world with no way of knowing if I can make it back again.

I feel a bit like John Swigert Jnr, command module pilot of Apollo 13 during his troubled moonshot back in 1970. Instead of men in white coats staring at computer screens at mission control trying to solve the problems, I have men, doubtless in greasy overalls by now, stripping down autopilots and engines identical to mine, trying to replicate and resolve the problems. In addition, Gara Hampton, my shore mechanic, has been performing clinical trials on one of the other Challenge yachts to monitor the charging performance and fuel consumption of the main engine.

In the short term, I can charge the batteries using the main engine, but this will exhaust my remaining fuel too quickly.

Will I be able to complete the Challenge? I don't know. All I can do is continue at a much slower pace. That of course throws up further problems, because if my ETA is extended too far, I will run out of other essential supplies.

Failure of the autopilots is the one nightmare that has haunted me from the start. I have a good stock of spares, but feel a sense of panic whenever something goes wrong with the autopilots. Back in 1988, I suffered a similar experience when racing a 30ft trimaran across the Atlantic. That part of the voyage proved to be one of the most exhausting experiences of my life.

I have no clear recollections of the past week. *Group 4 Securitas* has been battered by one gale after the other. It has been one long round of steering by hand and snatching sleep when I can.

Handling a 67ft yacht without the benefit of self-steering for the remaining 10,000 miles does not bear thinking about. Chay Blyth managed it when the wind vane on his 57ft *British Steel* was smashed by a wave off Cape Horn, but his yacht had a two-masted ketch rig which was easier to balance than *Group 4's* single-masted cutter rig. Chay managed to keep going over the final 20,000 miles by lashing the tiller when he slept — but that truly remarkable feat will be almost impossible to match on *Group 4* which, after all, was not designed with solo sailing in mind.

So far, all attempts to take a leaf out of Chay's book have failed. The other night, I was curled up with my sleeping bag over my ears to shut out the clattering of sails during an unaccustomed lull in the weather, but the see-sawing back and forth on the rudder as the boat rolled in the swell was too hard to bear. When I could stand it no longer I went back up on deck and steered for a time, before exhaustion forced me to tie down the wheel. I slept soundly after that, dreaming of easy, economical miles and magical days. When I awoke, however, the picture was very different. The lashing had worked free, and the miles lost had negated all my hard work over the previous 24 hours. At present, I am about 60 days ahead of Chay's schedule, but many more nights like that and I will lose my advantage.

The problem with the autopilots is that sea water has seeped into the hydraulic fluid and is knocking hell out of the pumps and valves. *Group 4* is equipped with two systems; but no sooner have I stripped down one and replaced the damaged parts, then the other falls down on the job.

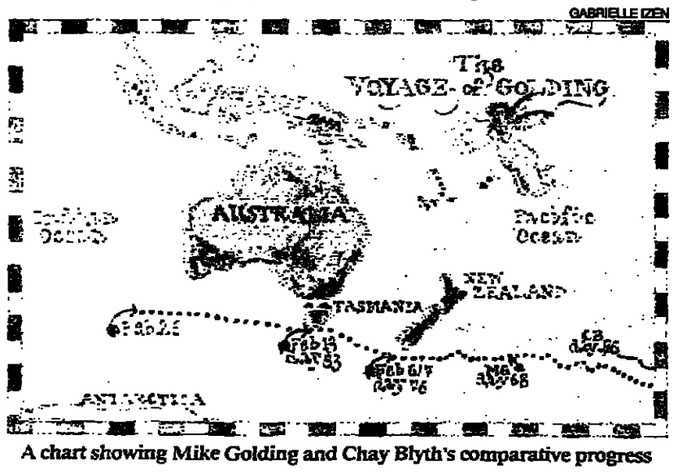
For the moment, I am doing everything possible to reduce fuel consumption. I have shut down all the non-essential things taken for granted these past months such as the radar, lighting and instruments, and have turned off the diesel heater (not any easy decision when temperatures are close to freezing) to conserve its remaining 40 gallons of fuel.

Now mission control has reported back with better news. Their tests show that if I reduce the running speed of the main engine, I will have enough fuel to charge the batteries for three-and-a-half hours a day.

That might just be enough to see me home if I can focus on putting miles behind me instead of licking my wounds.

● *Mike Golding's adventures are being recorded via messages to Barry Pickthall, The Times yachting correspondent*

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A chart showing Mike Golding and Chay Blyth's comparative progress



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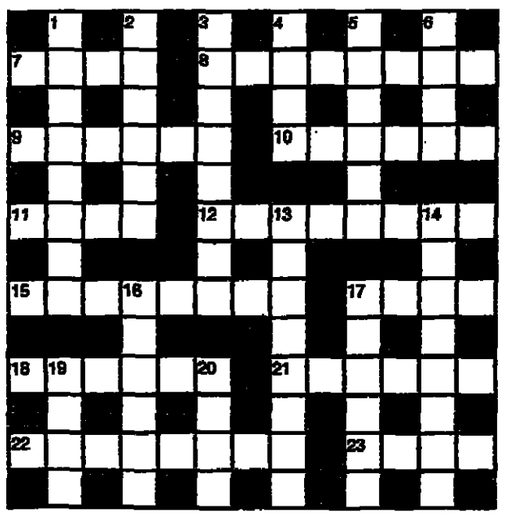
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 99

ACROSS

7 Tarzan's mate (4)
8 Explicit, particular (8)
9 Prussian aristocrat (6)
10 Drenched (6)
11 The first murderer (4)
12 Patron saint of children, pawnbrokers (8)
15 366-day period (4,4)
17 Highest European range (4)
18 Thing (6)
21 Dark, gloomy (6)
22 Light of heart (8)
23 Tax on alcohol (4)

DOWN

1 Arrange in list (8)
2 Grow feebler (6)
3 Alienate (8)
4 Not so much (4)
5 Unfeminine woman (6)
6 Republic of Ireland (4)
13 Stroked (8)
14 Harshness (8)
16 Fixed in advance (6)
17 1588 invasion fleet (6)
19 Bird's bill (4)
20 Novice (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 98

ACROSS: 1 Deepen 5 Strobe 8 Riot 9 Keyboard 10 Turfed 12 Camp 15 Lead by the nose 16 Once 17 Roll up 19 Occident 21 Whit 22 Fright 23 Dither

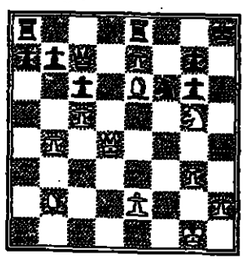
DOWN: 2 Epicurean 3 Pit 4 Naked eye 5 Stye 6 Root canal 7 Bar 11 Fidgeting 13 Masculine 14 Thirsted 18 Part 20 Car 21 Wit

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is a variation from the game Beliavsky - Gelfand, Linares 1992. Black had already given up the ghost here. What had he seen coming? Send your answer on a postcard to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer will be published next Saturday. Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Rd7.

Last week's winners are: P M C Morris, Liverpool; D Auld, Calne, Wilts; D Garland, Wantage, Oxfordshire.



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LACCOLITE
a. A rock dome
b. A priest's servant
c. An athletic bra

MINTWHILE
a. Flavoured with mint
b. Lasting a minute
c. In the meantime

CASTELRY
a. A cattle ranch
b. Greek tile dado
c. Jurisdiction of a castle

CROCKET
a. A raccoon hat
b. A tiresome habit
c. An architectural frivolity

Answers on page 15